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# AL firm sues M/V *Luta*, owners

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE REPORTER

n Alabama corporation has come forward to ask the federal court to allow it to intervene in the lawsuit filed by Japanese investor Takahisa Yamamoto against Lt. Gov. Victor B. Hocog and the owner of cargo ship M/V Luta in order to collect \$131,801.10 in alleged unpaid goods and services.

Norton Lilly International Inc., through counsel Bruce Berline, filed Monday a complaint of intervention for enforcement of maritime lien against M/V Luta.

Norton Lilly asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI to issue a maritime warrant for the arrest of the cargo ship.

Norton Lilly requested the court to order the U.S. Marshal to seize the ship and held as security against any

judgment to be entered.

Norton Lilly asked the court to issue a judgment in favor of the company and against M/V Luta for the \$131,801.10 as well as for interest, attorney's fees, and court costs.

The plaintiff asked the court to order the sale of M/V Luta and that proceeds of the sale be applied to satisfy the judgment.

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### Judge stops revoking Rota Resort's casino license

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE ferdie\_delatorre@saipantribune.com REPORTER

Superior Court Associate Judge Jo-

seph N. Camacho has permanently barred the Rota Casino Gaming Commission and its commissioners from terminating or revoking the casino license of SNM Corp., which owns the Rota Resort and Country Club.

Camacho Camacho on Monday repealed an unnumbered Rota Casino Gaming Commission resolution in its entirety and declared that it has no force or effect.

The judge issued the permanent

injunction after SNM Corp. and the Rota Casino Gaming Commission entered into negotiations and reached a resolution on SNM's lawsuit

> against the commission. Camacho ordered the commission to issue an amended casino license to Rota Resort Casino on or before Nov. 30, 2016. He said the amended casino license should reflect a

valid unconditional casino

license effective Oct. 2, 2013, and expiring on Oct 1, 2018.

The parties waived all claims on attorneys' fees and costs. The commission waived its claim to attorney's

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### ONCE IN A [SUPER] MOON

Stargazers in the CNMI were treated to a bright full moon that was at its brightest last Monday night. It has been close to 70 years since the moon was this close to Earth and this won't happen again until the year 2034.

### Appointment of new PSS chief protested

By ERWIN ENCINARES

A concerned teacher questioned yesterday the appointment of Cynthia Deleon Guerrero as education commissioner and asked the Board of Education to explain how they arrived at her



Deleon Guerrero

selection. She also wants the new education chief's appointment rescinded.

In an open letter addressed to Board of Education chair Herman Guerrero, Alisa Pangelinan described herself as a concerned CNMI PSS teacher and said she rep-

resents PSS teachers and staff.

In her letter to Guerrero, Pangelinan demanded an explanation and revocation of Deleon Guerrero's appointment as PSS commissioner.

Saipan Tribune's repeated attempts to obtain comments from Guerrero were unsuccessful as of press time.

The letter read, "We, the PSS

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A work by Norwegian artist Edvard Munch fetched over \$54 million at auction.

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### Local

# Construction company sues owner of Kensington

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE

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A construction company is suing the owner of Kensington Hotel for allegedly refusing to pay the full contract price for renovation of the hotel's VIP lounge and compensation for construction and consultation services for other projects.

Saipan Hwa Rang Corp., which does business as D.

ing Micronesia Resort Inc., for unjust enrichment and for breach of contract.

Saipan Tribune tried but failed yesterday to get comments from Micronesia Resort.

Saipan Hwa, through counsel Mark Scoggins, asked the Superior Court to hold Micronesia Resort liable to pay the company for damages, court costs, and attorney'

In April 2015, Micronesia

System Construction, is su- Resort solicited bids for the renovation of Kensington Hotel Saipan, which was previously known as the Hotel Nikko and the Palms Resort Saipan. D. System Construction prepared and submitted a bid for the renovation project.

> According to Scoggins in the complaint, Micronesia Resort did not award the renovation project to D. System or any other contractor.

The lawyer said Micronesia Resort's solicitation for bids was not made in good faith.

Scoggins said that, in July 2015, D. System entered into a contract with Micronesia Resort to renovate the VIP Lounge at the Kensington Hotel.

Scoggins said that Micronesia Resort has refused to pay the full contract price to D. System in breach of contract.

In addition to the contract

work, Micronesia Resort allegedly requested several changes above the contract price.

Scoggins said D. System did the requested changes for the VIP Lounge but Micronesia Resort has refused to pay.

In addition to the VIP Lounge, Scoggins said D. System became a subcontractor to another contractor and agreed to provide renovation and construction services for an area in the Kensington Hotel known as the Cocomong Camp.

In addition to the subcontract work. Micronesia Resort allegedly requested D System to make many changes to the Cocomong Camp above the contract price, and D. System agreed to provide this work.

Scoggins said D. System fully performed the requested changes for the Cocomong Camp, but Micronesia Resort has refused to payt.

### GOP's organized game plan key to victory

By JON PEREZ

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Two ranking members of the CNMI Republican Party said CNMI voters appear satisfied with what they are doing as proven by the result of

last week's general election. The local GOP, based on unofficial tally, is on its way to securing 15 of the 20 seats at the House of Representatives while sweeping the three Senate posts at stake.

Senate vice president Ar-

nold I. Palacios and Rep. Angel A. Demapan, both lawmakers from Saipan, thanked all of their supporters for the vote of renewed confidence.

"I join my Republican colleagues in thanking the people who came out and supported

us," said Palacios.

Demapan said: "Obviously we have a mandate as a majority. We have a mandate to meet and that is the mandate of the people. We believe the people appreciate the progress that the CNMI is experiencing and we will continue to deliver on our pledge to the people to make sure progress continues so we could ultimately reach our destination for a more prosperous Commonwealth."

Palacios said local GOP officials had an organized plan for the elections where they presented what their candidates would push for if elected. "I can see all our efforts and hard work, especially from the candidates and their families, paid off. They got all the support they needed."

"We had a good team and party officials had a really organized game plan. They worked hard to implement it. Their hard work paid off that resulted to the majority."

He added that new faces

would be added to the mix of veteran lawmakers once the 20th Legislature opens its first session in January. All candidates who ran under the Republican Party worked very hard and there's a lot of new faces."

'Some people did not expect that the Republicans were going to take 15 seats but I was confident, heading into the election, that we are going to do well," said Palacios.

meanwhile, Demapan, wished his Republican colleagues who failed to win well. "In a way, I was also saddened that some GOP candidates failed to make it. I wish them well with their future endeavors."

He then thanked his colleagues in Precinct 1 for guiding and supporting him in his first term as a lawmaker. He also said he would do all that he can in order to support the administration's agenda, especially in economic development.

"I will continue to use the things that I learned to push the Republican agenda in shaping a better and stronger life for our community. We hope that the Republican majority and administration would translate to positive impacts to our people."

"Of course we will thoroughly review every bill that comes from the Legislature to make sure that in would be beneficial for our people and our community," he added.

### **GOP lawmakers**

Demapan is one of three GOP bets who ran for re-election in Precinct 1 where he placed second behind independent candidate Rep. Edwin K. Propst. Precincts 1 and 3 both have six representatives, while Precincts 2, 4, and 5 have two apiece. One each are allotted for Precinct 6 (Tinian) and 7 (Rota).

Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero was third in the tally with House vice speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero coming in at fourth. Former representative Janet U. Maratita made a winning return at fifth place with Gregorio M.

Sablan Jr. placing sixth.

Sablan, however, is not yet assured of the final seat since he only holds a lead of 67 votes against seventh placer Roman C. Benavente with more absentee ballots expected to come in.

On leave press secretary Ivan A. Blanco, one of six new members of the House who ran under the GOP ticket, topped Precinct 3 followed by independent bets Blass Jonathan T. Attao and Edmund S. Villagomez.

Donald C. Barcinas, Francisco S. Dela Cruz, and Jose I. Itibus round up the top six but the latter is battling the final seat against another independent candidate Ralph N. Yumul, who is also seeking re-election. Itibus, with absentee ballots still waiting to be tallied, garnered 952 votes against Yumul's 911.

House Speaker Rafael S. Demapan and Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation chair John Paul P. Sablan, both Republican lawmakers in the 19th Legislature, will again represent Precinct 2, while GOP newcomer Alice S. Igitol will be joining independent Vinson Edward F. Sablan at Precinct 4.

Rep. Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) and Francisco C. Aguon clinched the Precinct 5 seats, while Reps. Edwin P. Aldan (Tinian) and Glenn L. Maratita (Rota) are also on their way to joining the next Legislature. Aguon, Aldan, and Maratita are under the GOP ticket.

Aldan leads Diana H. Borja by 63 votes, while Maratita is ahead by 188 against Tricia Marie A. Manglona as they wait for the absentee ballots.

Senate President Francisco M. Borja is up by 126 votes against Henry H. San Nicolas in Tinian, while George O. Hocog holds a slim lead of six votes over incumbent Sen. Paul A. Manglona on Rota. Sen. Sixto K. Igisomar enjoys a lead of close to 4,000 votes against former senator Ray N. Yumul on Saipan.



Voters line up in front of the Dandan Middle School's cafeteria early in the morning on Nov. 8.

### NEWBORN HEARING SCREENING PROGRAM

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### Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation





### Police captain accuses DPS and CSC of discrimination

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Police captain Lawrence M. Camacho, a 25-year veteran of the CNMI's police force, is accusing the Department of Public Safety and the Civil Service Commission of discriminating against him by not selecting him to the post of police director despite being the only one qualified for the position.

Camacho, through counsel Robert T. Torres, has asked the Superior Court to stop CSC and DPS from further actions to fill the police director position until the court has completed its review.

Camacho also asked the court to compel DPS and CSC to comply with the Personnel System Rules and Regulations and the competitive selection, merit increases, and promotion processes.

He also asked the court to end discriminatory practices and disparate treatment within DPS in its hiring, selection, salary increases, and promotions practices.

Camacho asked the court to direct CSC to review and publish in the Commonwealth Reg*ister* the minimum qualification standards for each merit position within DPS within 90 days.

The police captain wants the court to vacate a certificate of eligibility from CSC, saying it contained a list of candidates that were not properly ranked and certified. He asked the court to order CSC to reannounce the position.

He also wants the court to stop DPS from paying the salaries of anyone promoted or hired for the post and to recover any sum that may have been paid out.

Camacho asked for distribution of any recovered sums to

him for the costs of his grievance, including attorney's fees and costs, and to the Commonwealth treasury.

According to Torres in the complaint, the CSC opened on Dec. 10, 2014, an examination announcement 14-142 "for the purpose of developing an open competitive and promotional eligible list" for the position of DPS director of police.

Camacho applied for the position of director of police during the announcement's open period between Dec. 10 and 24, 2014. He said Camacho was the only one to apply during this period.

Torres said the examination for the position was announced a second time and a third time by CSC after Camacho and no one else had applied during its first and second announcement.

Torres said one other applicant, Pete Leon Guerrero, applied for the position during the third announcement for the post.

Torres said Leon Guerrero neither had the requisite years of experience for the position or for the rank of captain, the prerequisite rank needed to be held for at least two years according to the announcement, with DPS.

Nor did Leon Guerrero submit a full military experience report so that his experience could be appropriately considered with his application, Torres said.

Moreover, Torres said Leon Guerrero had previously resigned from DPS and had spent years away from work with DPS.

In contrast, the lawyer pointed out, Camacho has served with DPS since 1991, had earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice, and had served as DPS captain

Torres said Camacho was ranked No. 1 on the list of certified candidates for the position.

On July 23, 2015, Camacho was interviewed for the position by a panel consisting of two non-DPS officers and the Customs director

Torres said one of the non-DPS officers on the interview panel assisted Leon Guerrero with his application for the position.

Torres said in a letter dated July 29, 2015, then-DPS commissioner James Deleon Guerrero informed Camacho that "as a result of the recommendation from the interview panel, a decision was made" and that Camacho was "not selected for the position.'

Camacho then wrote a letter to Deleon Guerrero with the subject "Grievance Letter," setting forth his grievance regarding the qualification of Leon Guerrero, his concern over the two re-announcements for the position, and a request for reconsideration

On Sept. 1, 2015, Camacho delivered to CSC's Office of Personnel Management's director a letter with the subject "formal grievance."

On Oct. 29, 2015, Camacho wrote a "grievance" letter to the CSC chairman to reiterate his grievance, his difficulties with gaining an audience with DPS to hear his grievance, and the Office of Personnel Management's similar difficulties in receiving cooperation from DPS regarding his grievance, all in an effort to have his grievance move forward.

On Nov. 10, 2015, CSC issued a notice of status conference for Camacho's grievance to Camacho, the DPS commissioner, Attorney General

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#### **BOARD MEETING**

Commonwealth Utilities Cop. board members adopt the agenda prior to receiving public comments during their board meeting on Nov. 15, 2016, at the CUC conference room.

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### CHC doctors now equipped with Web-based resource

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The Commonwealth Health Center obtained access yesterday to an evidence-based, physician-authored, clinical decision support resource used globally known as UpToDate to enhance the public hospital's ability to provide healthcare to residents.

The Web-based product is subscribed to annually, with prices Commonwealth Healthcare Center CEO Esther Muna declined to disclose.

Muna said that CHC physicians and healthcare providers have exclusive access to the program because it is set to the hospital's IP address.

"It's basically something that we want to try to sup-

cians and healthcare providers that are working for us have access to it. In other words, you cannot log in from somewhere else even if you know the log-in information. This

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for 20 to 25 years, but because of the constant changes in the world of medicine since his graduation.

"I use it many times a day. There were many things that I was taught in school that has changed a lot. I thought I still knew the answer, how to do things, and when I started looking up what the world experts think we should do based on evidence-based medicine, I was wrong," he said.

Grauman has been practicing internal medicine since 1972 and has been in CHC for two years.

"When you start looking

that up instead of what you kind of remember from being in school years ago, it's amazing how things change. When things change, we have to keep looking it up," he added.

The Web-based database has been well received since being online at CHC and includes a multitude of medical information such as evidence-based medical content, summaries and treatment recommendations of various specialties, updates in practice, medical calculators, a drug database, and over 400,000 references with links to full text articles.

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teachers and staff, do not just want an explanation by the board in the selection of Mrs. Deleon Guerrero, but to rescind its action in the selection and appointment of Mrs. Deleon Guerrero. We just want to know in writing that the board has done its role in our request and recommendation.'

Pangelinan also scored board members who approved of the decision of their "failure to uphold the integrity of their fiduciary duties."

"Any inaction of the board may ultimately result in a court litigation and incur punitive monetary damages because of the illegal actions and wrongdoing through such hiring practices. We will charge each individual board member who voted for her and call for each member's resignation because of the board's misconduct in their discriminatory action," wrote Pangelinan.

Highly placed sources said that Tanya R. King, Janice A. Tenorio, and Marylou S. Ada voted for Deleon Guerrero's appointment.

The letter expressed Pangelinan's disappointment with the decision.

Pangelinan claims that there was a conflict in proper work ethic as Deleon Guerrero was still in office during her selection as PSS commissioner.

"Mrs. Deleon Guerrero was still in the position as PSS Human Resource manager while receiving and processing other candidates' applications for the position announcement of PSS commissioner. This conflicts with proper work ethic," wrote Pangelinan.

'Whether or not she handled the paperwork personally, she still acted in her capacity as the head of the office, when she should have applied for an absence of leave or delegated someone to oversee the process due to the conflict of interest," Pangelinan's letter reads.

Pangelinan claims that the selection and appointment of Deleon Guerrero as PSS commissioner violates both local and federal law due to her still being in office at the Human Resource office of PSS during her selection.

"This act brings into suspicious questioning of how Mrs. Deleon Guerrero's application was reviewed, evaluated, and scrutinized if her office received all the applications and this questions the bias and fairness of the process. Because of her involved role, the rating of the other applicants may be questionable and compromising the integrity of the overall process," reads the letter.

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"This action not only violates local law, but most importantly, federal law," said Pangelinan in the letter.

Pangelinan also blasted the BOE, saying it also violated federal law.

"The PSS board in its selection and appointment [of] Mrs. Deleon Guerrero as the PSS commissioner is discriminatory in practice and in violation of the Equal Employment Opportunity [law], which is a federal law."

Pangelinan added that Deleon Guerrero as PSS' human resource officer failed to advise the board of its "questionable employment practices."

Pangelinan wrote that Deleon Guerrero does not have enough teaching experience to

meet the requirements of being a PSS commissioner.

"She is required to have at least five years teaching classroom experience. If she claims that she was an adjunct professor at Northern Marianas College, such a position is part-time in nature. Does she have enough teaching hours as an adjunct professor to equal a year-round, full-time classroom teacher who has attained the actual five-vear minimal teaching experience?"

Pangelinan said that Deleon Guerrero did not meet the administrative experience required to be a commissioner.

"Another requirement is that the selected applicant shall possess an overall educational administrative experience which is the main requisite of leadership in administering an educational institution such as PSS. Being an admission officer with NMC and the present Human Resource officer for PSS does not count nor equal actual educational administrative experience and it does not constitute meeting such a requirement," wrote Pangelinan.

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fees under the Open Government Act and its claims of violations of the Act.

The commission dismissed its claim as to the Open Government Act violations.

Attorney Robert T. Torres is counsel for Rota Resort. Attorney Joaquin DLG. Torres is counsel for the Rota Casino Gaming Commission and its commissioners.

Last month, the owner and president of Rota Resort and Country Club filed the lawsuit against the regulatory agency and its commissioners for allegedly declaring their conditional casino license deemed expired on July 15, 2016, during a "special meeting" which was done in violation of the Open Government Act.

SNM Corp., owner of Rota Resort and Country Club, and SNM president and chair Hee Kyun Cho, sued the Rota Casino Gaming Commission, Commission chair Joaquin S. Manglona, Commission vice chair Francisco S. Calvo, and

commissioners Mateo A. Santos and John William King.

SNMI and Cho, through counsel Torres, asked the Superior Court to issue an injunction preventing enforcement of any and all actions of the Rota Casino Gaming Commission.

Torres requested the court to prevent the commission from holding any further meeting or taking any further action related to SNM.

Last Oct. 4, SNM received a copy of a resolution passed by the commission, which states that, "since the issuance of the conditional license on July 15, 2011, more than five years ago, there is still no casino and there is no evidence that anything is being done on this casino project as proposed by the SNM Corp. in its business plan."

The resolution further states that, "the proposed project has not served the interest of our community."

The resolution also resolved that the commission has decided that the conditional casino license issued to SNM Corp. on July 15, 2011, had expired on July 15, 2016.

### **AL FIRM**

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Berline stated in the complaint that Luta Mermaid LLC president Abelina T. Mendiola entered into an agreement with Norton Lilly for it to supply necessities to M/V Luta.

Berline said that, from June 18, 2016 to Nov. 2, 2016, Norton Lilly was the agent of M/V Luta on Saipan and Guam, arranging for and/or shipping services for

The lawyer said the services include stevedoring, time handling mooring, dockage, cargo/wharf storage, and terminal handling charges.

Berline said Norton Lilly also provided invoicing for documentation fees, customs fees, and others for the vessel.

Berline said the services supplied to M/V Luta by Norton Lilly pursuant to the agreement were necessary for the accomplishment of the vessel's mission in that it allowed the ship to deliver cargo throughout the region.

Berline said invoices, spanning from July 19, 2016 to Nov. 2, 2016, for the delivery of such goods and services were issued to the vessel and/ or her owners for the total amount of \$131,801.10.

The lawyer said payment of the invoices is now due and owing, however, Norton Lilly has not received any amount.

Last week, the captain and six other crew members of M/V Luta have asked the federal court to allow them to intervene into Yamamoto's lawsuit, because they allegedly have not been paid \$183,647.77 in wages.

On Thursday, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona granted the captain's and crew members' motion to intervene. Manglona also directed the clerk of court to issue a warrant of maritime arrest against M/V Luta.

Last week, a limited liability company has claimed to have a maritime lien in M/V Luta after the vessel's owners/operators allegedly failed to repay any part of their \$300,000 loan or any interest.

Long Consulting LLC, through counsel Daniel T. Guidotti, moved the court to allow it to intervene in Yamamoto's lawsuit.

On Thursday, Manglona also granted Long Consulting's request to intervene in Yamamoto's lawsuit. The judge also directed the clerk of court to issue a maritime arrest against the vessel.

Long Consulting's complaint is suing M/V Luta for foreclosure of maritime lien. The company is also suing Luta Mermaid LLC, Hocog, Abelina T. Mendiola, Deron T. Mendiola, Fidel S. Mendiola III for breach of contract.

Luta Mermaid owns M/V Luta. Abelina Mendiola, Fidel S. Mendiola III, and Deron Mendiola are members of the company. Abelina Mendiola is based on Rota, while Fidel Mendiola is a resident of Louisiana, and Deron Mendiola is a resident of Idaho, according to court papers.

Yamamoto is suing Hocog, M/V Luta, Luta Mermaid

LLC, Abelina T. Mendiola, Deron T. Mendiola, Fidel S. Mendiola III, Fidel Mendiola Jr., and Robert Toelkes. Yamamoto is suing them for breach of contract, fraud, and unjust enrichment.

Yamamoto alleged that Hocog and co-defendants refused to pay back the \$3.4 million that he put up for M/V Luta. He asked the court that the vessel be condemned and be sold to pay his demands, including interest and cost.

The U.S. Marshal Service seized M/V Luta last Oct. 25 and appointed the National Maritime Services Inc. as custodian of the vessel.

Last May, former Department of Public Lands secretary John DelRosario filed a taxpayer's lawsuit against Hocog and Finance Secretary Larrisa Larson over the alleged adoption of a Rota Legislative Delegation Resolution 19-3 that purportedly authorized payment of \$400,000 to Luta Mermaid, a private company owned by Hocog's relatives.

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Edward Manibusan, and assistant attorney general John Cook, stating that "this notice of hearing is a grievance filed with the Civil Service Commission on Oct. 26, 2015.

The notice further set a status conference for Nov. 24, 2015, which Torres said was not held.

On Dec. 14, 2015, DPS filed with CSC a motion to dismiss Camacho's grievance for lack of jurisdiction. Camacho, through Torres, filed an opposition to DPS' motion to dismiss.

DPS replied to the opposition.

On June 15, 2016, Camacho sent a follow up email to CSC and DPS requesting an explanation for the delay in the progress of both his case and the other matter before CSC.

Torres said neither CSC nor DPS, both of which were represented by the Office of the Attorney General, responded to his email requests.

On Oct. 14, 2016, Camacho sent again an email to CSC and DPS contesting the lack of response to his inquiries and the lack of progress on his

On Oct. 19, 2016, the CSC counsel sent a response that the commission has not authorized them to respond to Camacho's inquiry on their

Torres said that in October 2015, the notice of personnel action for Leon Guerrero was directed to be processed despite Camacho's unresolved

process right to a fair trial."

Clark said Taimanao has tes-

tified that he cannot remember

what happened or how he con-

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Clark said the photo lineup

"There is no way Mr.

Koichi can recreate that evi-

dence," he pointed out. (Fer-

ducted the photo lineup.

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### Sanction sought against a police detective, DPS, govt

The Office of the Public Defender has requested Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho to dismiss the theft case filed against habitual offender Peter Koichi Lemei over the alleged destruction of evidence.

In the alternative, assistant public defender Tillman Clark, counsel for Lemei, asked Camacho to bar the government from calling the alleged victim as a witness in this case.

In the alternative, Clark aked the judge to sanction police detective Andrew Taimanao, the Department of Public Safety, and the government "in the interests of public policy."

"While dismissal is a disfavored remedy, Mr. Koichi has lost a piece of evidence that pointed to his innocence, which was outright destroyed or suppressed by a government agent and is now unable to use it to assist him at trial," Clark said.

The defendant's last name is confusing. Clark indicates Koichi as the defendant's last Camacho indicates Lemei as the defendant's last name. Previous court and police documents used Koichi as the last name.

Clark said dismissal is appropriate given the importance of the evidence and the inability of Koichi to reproduce it.

Alternatively, Clark said, the court should preclude the alleged victim from testifying.

"Permitting trial to go forward without any sanctions for destruction of evidence would be a violation of Mr. Koichi's due process rights and would set an unwelcome precedent for future cases in the CNMI in which evidence is destroyed by state agents," Clark said.

The defense counsel said the court must sanction DPS and the government in order to preserve the integrity of the judicial system and ensure that future cases in the CNMI do not involve destruction of exculpatory evidence.

Clark said DPS, with no meaningful rebuke whatsoever by the court, will get the message that it can destroy evidence with no consequence whatsoever. Clark said the government will get the same message.

The OAG charged Koichi with misdemeanor theft for alregedity stearing a purse from a woman, while she was sitting in a friend's garage playing cards last April 10 at about 5:30am.

It was already in the middle of bench trial last Aug. 16 when Clark moved for mistrial for violation of Koichi's due process rights under Brady.

Brady material refers to a piece of evidence known to the prosecution that is important for establishing the innocence or reducing the punishment of a defendant.

Clark asserted that the gov-

ernment suppressed evidence when a witness testified that a police detective showed her a photo lineup but the detective denied it.

Clark argued that to allow the bench trial to proceed would be to sacrifice Koichi's right to due process, right to present a defense, right to a fair trial, and right to effective assistance of counsel.

This prompted Camacho, who presided over the trial, to suspend the proceedings to have a hearing on the issue on Sept. 14.

Last month, Camacho denied the motion for mistrial.

Camacho ruled that a continuance of the bench trial and re-call of witnesses will cure the law enforcement officer's failure to provide exculpatory evidence.

Exculpatory evidence refers to evidence favorable to the defendant in a criminal case that exonerate the defendant of guilt.

Assistant attorney general Heather Barcinas, counsel for the government, argued that since the witness is not an identification witness, her non-identification is not Brady material.

Taimanao testified that he did not remember showing the witness any photographs, and that he was surprised to learn that the witness testified that she had been shown photographs.

In Koichi's motion to dismiss, Clark said Camacho cleared up a previously unclear issue of fact.

Clark said by finding that Taimanao's testimony was credible and a witness testimony was credible, the court made a finding of fact that Taimanao showed the witness a photo lineup with Koichi in it, that the witness failed to identify Koichi in that photo lineup, and that such evidence was subsequently suppressed by the government.

Clark said that no material have been discovered to Koichi despite the ongoing discovery request.

As such, Clark said, the only logical conclusion is that the evidence has been destroyed and lost forever.

Clark said based on the review of the state standards regarding the destruction of evidence, and the higher protections afforded under the CNMI Constitution, this court should apply a standard under the due protection section of the CNMI Constitution that is akin to the standard expressed by the Massachusetts Supreme Court in Commonwealth vs Henderson.

The Henderson ruling "requires a trial court to consider and balance the degree of culpability of the government, the materiality of the evidence, and the potential prejudice to the defendant in order to protect the

### Hotel occupancy down 11 pct. in October 2016 defendant's constitutional due

The Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands Clark said under the U.S. reported 91.06 percent oc-Supreme Court standard, Koicupancy among 11 member chi would have to show he is hotels for October 2016, an unable to obtain comparable 11-percent decrease compared evidence by other reasonably to October 2015.

A total of 57,255 of 71,820 available room nights sold in October 2016, compared to 65,009 of 71,393 available room nights sold over the same period last year. Average room rates were \$136.02 during the month, compared to \$124.41 last October.

"The decrease was expected based on last year's circumstances. As with the month 86.71 percent, while the averof September, the occupancy was artificially inflated by emergency personnel and local residents who did not have water or power at their homes after Typhoon Soudelor," said HANMI chair Gloria Cavanagh. "Based on year 2013 and 2014, we are up by a little more than 8 percent. The great news is the continued increase in average room rates of 9 percent for the month of October and the year-to-date increase of 6 percent."

So far this calendar year, the average occupancy rate is age room rate is \$140.86.

Membership in HANMI is open to all qualified hotels, motels, guest houses and other lodging entities for tourists, as well as affiliated businesses. For more information or to request a membership application, visit www.saipanhotels. org. (HANMI)





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### Scientific conference ongoing at AMP Visitors Center

The Asia Pacific Academy of Sciences, Science Education, and Environmental Management is hosting a four-day conference, from Nov. 14 to Nov. 17, at the American Memorial Park Visitors Center auditorium, to update the public on the results of local scientific research.

On Monday, Nov. 14, the conference featured Judith R. Amesbury, whose topic, "Who Wears the Beads? 2,000 Years of Ornaments from an Archaeological Site on Guam," focused on an archaeological excavation on one of the oldest sites in the Mariana archipelago, Chalan Piao, in 1989 that was conducted by Micronesian Archaeological Research Services archaeologists. There the MARS archaeologists found more than 400 cone shell beads and fragments of cone shell bracelets. No human remains were

could not say who would have worn those ornaments. Now an excavation has taken place in Guam, where more than 1,500 shell and shark teeth ornaments were found on the human burials. This presentation will answer the question, "Who wears the beads?"

Hadre Rogers, Ph.D. of the Iowa State University gave an update on the "Ecology of Bird Loss Program" while Kloe Borja talked about "Avian Gut Passage Time & its Role in Seed Dispersal.""

Yvette Haughney and Susan Odonohue's topic "Institute for Bird Populations: TMAPS Program and its History with Saipan" is intended to focus on the success and vitality rates of Saipan's common birds so that the island has a baseline that will help scientists understand the health of Saipan's native

Yesterday, Gary Denton, found, so the archaeologists Ph.D. talked about "Mercury Brigham Young University,

Hotspots in the Saipan Lagoon." Fish are excellent indicators of mercury pollution and, in contaminated waters, can accumulate levels sufficient to render them unfit for human consumption. In this study, they examined mercury levels in emperor fish (Lethrinus harak and L. atkinsoni) from 13 sites along the entire length of the Saipan lagoon.

Tara Tudela's talk was titled "Surveillance of the Biological Control Establishment on Chromolaena odorat (Siam weed) on Saipan."

Phillippe Lacson and Roy Adsit talked about "Sea Grass Resilience Assessment." Seagrass meadows play an important role. Not only are they home to many aquatic organisms, they are also a main source of food and can hold down sediments, reducing coastal erosion and turbidity.

Carly Thissen of the

Hawaii, talked about "Classifying Juvenile Sea Urchins Based on Possible Parent Species using DNA Barcoding."

Today, Wednesday, Nov. 16, Michael Trianni will discuss "Survey of Juvenile Humphead wrasse in the Saipan lagoon." A survey for juvenile humphead wrasse in Saipan lagoon was commenced during the summer of 2016. This presentation provides background information on the humphead wrasse, a summary of past research on the species in the CNMI, and preliminary findings from the current survey.

Trey Dunn and the CNMI Division of Fish and Wildlife will focus on "The Life History of a Species of Fish of the Holocentridae Family."

Steve McKagan's topic is "The Rota Creel Pilot Project: Fishing Participation and Interview Data in the Year of Storms, 2015." The project marks the first attempt to systematically survey the shorebased fishing effort on Rota. The project was co-managed by CNMI DFW Fisheries Data Section, Micronesian Environmental Services and NOAA's Habitat Conservation Division.

John Gourley and the Micronesian Environmental Services will give "An Update on the Saipan Coral Reef Fish Biosampling Program."

On the fourth day, Nov. 17, Dana Okano, Ph.D., and Ryan Okano, Ph.D. will focus on "Impacts of Groundwater on Nearshore Benthic Community Health." Water quality is known to influence nearshore benthic communities. Much attention is focused on surface water quality, whether point source discharges or nonpoint source runoff. A recent study of nearshore sites throughout Saipan lagoon found groundwater quality to also impact nearshore benthic communities in the lagoon. This study looks at groundwater, nutrients, and benthic community health to assess influences on the lagoon community.

Maria Theresa D. Dizon will discuss "Comparing Antioxidant Capacity of Laboratory-prepared and Commercial Morinda citrifolia (Noni) Juices." Noni products

gained worldwide popularity since 2003 when the European Commission approved it as a "super/novel food". Noni is traditionally used to various ailments and been scientifically demonstrated to improve type 2 diabetes (T2D), hyperlipidemia or cancer in mice, and has shown some health benefits in human studies.

Malia Scoville's topic is "Methods to Enhance the Germination Rate of Heteropogon contortus." Heteropogon contortus (Pili grass) is a perennial bunch grass indigenous to Hawaii that is useful in xeric landscaping for water conservation, in roadside plantings, and for revegetation and stabilization of eroded. However, due to the length of seed dormancy H. contortus can be difficult to germinate from seed.

Mark Lander, Ph.D. will talk about "Saipan's Climate and Climate Change Comments Regarding the 2015/16 El Nino and Typhoon Soudelor" while Shahram Khosrowpanah, P.E., Ph.D., and interim dean at the School of Engineering, University of Guam, will discuss "UOG's Emerging School of Engineering: Training Tomorrow's Engineers to Meet Today's Community Needs." (APASEEM)

### Paddler talks about Micro Cup experience at Rotary to exercise, there's no way

A paddler who competed in the recent 2016 Micro Cup in Palau was the guest speaker in yesterday's Rotary Club of Saipan meeting at the Hyatt Regency Saipan.

Shelli Neal of Marianas Pacific Paddlers discussed her experience taking part in the competition that was held last month in the waters off Meyuns Seaplane Ramp in Koror.

"My presentation was simply about Micro Cup 2016. I was asked to speak by Greg Borja and to share with you guys our [team] experiences in Palau, what to expect here in 2018 when we host, and really just the joys of canoeing," she said.

According to Neal, the sport of outrigger canoeing can be very expensive—having a canoe costing as much as \$10,000 without shipment.



Guest speaker Shelli Neil gives a presentation about the Marianas Pacific Paddlers during the Rotary Club meeting at the Hyatt Regency Saipan on Nov. 15.

She said paddlers for the upcoming event in 2018 would come from Saipan, Guam, Palau, Japan, Hong Kong, Aus-

tralia, and on rare occasions,

people from Hawaii. "For those of you who are looking for a different way around the fitness benefits of paddling," Neil said.

Rotary Club president Ivan Ilmov said he's proud with what the CNMI's outrigger canoe teams achieved in the Palau during the Micro Cup.

"These teams show they can compete off-island and prove they are in very good shape. They also try to change the lifestyle of local kids by inspiring them to participate in this traditional sport," he said.

Aside from Marianas Pacific Paddlers, other outrigger canoe teams that competed in the 2016 Micro Cup were Marianas Outrigger Club, Napu Outrigger Canoe Club, and Saipan Paddling Club.

MOC swept all men's events. Napu Outrigger Canoe Club, meanwhile, dominated three events in the junior mix division. (Michael T. Santos)

### SDA lauds Principal's List, Honor Roll students BOMEE PARK

The Seventh Day Adventist has released its Principal's List (92 percent and above) and Honor Roll list (88 percent to 91 percent) for the first quarter. Here are the results:

#### PRINCIPAL'S LIST

Grade 1 SIYUN AHN JESSICA AN JAN STEPHANIE CRUZ KURT DIESTA DOGEON KIM SHYLAH PIERSON TAIGA SCOGGINS

RAMON VILLAGOMEZ

Grade 2

JUAN ROLANDO BANACIA ELLIE HA YEON CHO MONTREY GERMANCE MICHELLE HUANG JINA KWON KIWON LEE PETE PHAIR **KELLY SELKOR** SHARON ZHANG

Grade 3

**DENNIS AHN** CHLOE BERGLUND MIKA CAMACHO KYLE DIESTA CHAEEUN KIM HYE JOO KWON JENNA QIU **VANIQA TORRES HOO WANG** PETER JOHN WHITE

Grade 4 KIMBERLY JEAN BUAN JOY CHOI YEONWOO CHUNG RIGEL SCOTT DEVEY JASON KIM KIREIKO KUKKUN **GWANPIL SON ELIZABETH TOM** 

Grade 5 JAN SAMANTHA CRUZ ANNAMARIE DEVEY ANGEL LI

ASHLEY JO SABLAN

Grade 6

**CHARLES JAMES AWITAN** MARIFI I F I OPF7 ANNIEGAIL MANUEL RYAN YOON

LUCY DEVEY RANNON PALACIOS

Grade 8

Grade 7

JOHFANERMAY DELA CRUZ KINNA PALACIOS **ROY YOON** 

**HONOR ROLL** 

Grade 1 KELLY AHN MARCUS FELIPE DAVID JAMES MAHINAY AUBREY PAIGE WHITE

Grade 2

D'ARTAGNAN ENERIO WILEREDO LIBANTE TRISTAN SABI AN YEON WOO SEONG

Grade 3 MYNIF OI OPAI MIKIYA TAKIZAWA

**TAO JIN** 

Grade 4 ALANA JAZMIN CARRASCO DANNY JEOUNG

Grade 5 MICHELLE CHEN KISUK LEE FEDERICO MALDONADO

SARAWUT SUKANPONG

Grade 6 MILES BORJA

JIWOONG KWON

**Grade 7** SHAQUILLE CALUB CORY LEE JEONG WON LEE MATEO MALDONADO CHRISTINA SELKOR HARVEY ZHANG

Grade 8 **IVAN SITCHON** 

### Strengthening understanding, use of ocean data in Cook

RAROTONGA, Cook Islands-Regional ocean science experts are in Cook Islands this week as part of a major initiative to strengthen the understanding and application of climate, ocean and sea level information in the Pacific Islands region.

The Cook Islands Meteoological Service has called upon the Pacific community to assist in hosting and facilitating an Oceans and Tides Workshop, which opened in Rarotonga on Monday.

"Ocean and tides have a major influence on many key economic sectors in the Cook Islands, from tourism and shipping to pearl farming and subsistence fishing," the director of the Cook Islands Meteorological Service, Arona Ngari, said. "The Cook Islands Met Service is keen to improve and further develop

our services for these marine stakeholders."

Through the Australian government-funded Climate and Oceans Support Program in the Pacific, participants in the weeklong workshop (Nov. 14-18) will receive practical training from ocean science experts on sectorapplications of specific ocean information and online tools, including tide calendars, tide gauge data, and the COSPPac Ocean Portal.

The Ocean Portal provides updated information on sea surface temperature, wave forecasts, surface current forecasts, coral bleaching alerts, and seasonal sea level variations, in addition to hosting near-real time tide gauge data from 14 sites across the region, including Avarua Harbor in Rarotonga.

"It's so important to get

ocean-oriented stakeholders around the table to highlight the information they need to make informed decisions about disaster risk management, climate change adaptation, conservation, and coastal infrastructure investments in Cook Islands," SPC's manager of Oceans and Coastal Geoscience Jens Kruger, said.

"It's also an opportunity to gain insights about the role of coastal and ocean waters in sustainable development at the national level," Kruger said.

Hosted at the Cook Islands Meteorological Service office, the workshop will be attended by Met Service staff, as well as representatives from Ports Authority, the National Environment Service, Marine Resources, the Ministry of Transport, and local environmental non-government organizations, among others.

Topics covered in this workshop include tides, shipping and maritime safety, marine resources, the Pacific Sea Level Monitoring Project, and coastal hazards to name a few.

A similar workshop was held last November in Solomon Islands and the next Oceans and Tides workshop is scheduled for early next year in Marshall Islands.

COSPPac is managed by the Australian Bureau of Meteorology in partnership with SPC, Geoscience Australia, the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Program, and the University of the South Pacific, and is a key component of the Australian government's support to Pacific Island countries in adapting to and mitigating the impacts of climate variability and change. (SPC)

### Labor chief: Hiring goes through rigorous process

By JON PEREZ

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The CNMI Department of Labor has been scrutinizing all hiring practices of local companies to make sure they comply with U.S. and local labor laws.

Labor Secretary Edith Deleon Guerrero told Saipan *Tribune* that employers are required to submit a declaration for every individual that applies for any job opening as stated under one of the sections of the CNMI labor law.

"But with respect to our lo-

cal labor law, there's a section there that requires an employer to submit a declaration for every person that applies for the job and we also review that as well," said Deleon Guerrero.

"It is not just a blanket or a quick certification of the [job vacancy announcement] for the employer to submit for the petition but we have to go through the rigorous process of Labor market testing to make sure they are in compliance with all the requirements of posting the JVA and are considering all qualified U.S.

citizens for the job."

"And also, the declaration to make sure they are not just 'blanketly' denying the person for the job not to take it. These are the areas that we look at the back end at the department. So there's a lot of serious work going through as we review the JVAs.'

She said reports of residents or U.S. citizens that don't go to their interviews may have different reasons why they failed to appear. "I think there are different situations for every individual. The Workforce Opportunity Innovation Act...is not a recommendation, it is the law."

"U.S. citizens must be given the priority for the jobs they are qualified for. And companies that are recruiting foreign workers, they are required by state law to post on the CNMI [Labor] job bank. The same goes with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services where local employers must also comply with U.S. and local labor laws."

### **Labor abuses**

Deleon Guerrero vowed to

continue her department's program of going up against employers who dupe their workers and commit other labor violations. "I encourage employees who might have felt that they are shortchanged by their employers to file a complaint."

"I really encourage employees out there that feel they are cheated by their wages, have other labor issues that they experience, or there's something they know about to come to our department. We are here to work with them and to make sure that their

rights are protected."

Last month, Labor collected \$1,360,267 in unpaid wages and overtime pay that businesses did not give to their employees. "We collected over \$1 million last month and we will continue to do the same thing."

"We're happy that we have built the confidence in the community for employees to come up to our department and file complaints of abuses and non-payment. We do go after employers that are not paying the wages properly and we will apply penalties."

### Live KUAM-TV available to Saipan and Tinian

#### TAMUNING, Guam-Docomo Pacific announced Monday the televised re-

turn of KUAM NBC TV8 to their Saipan and Tinian channel lineup.

The live broadcast was halted back in August 2015 following the destruction of Typhoon Soudelor.

Off air for the past several months, Docomo Pacific announced the return of the

KUAM NBC TV8 network Monday. Local broadcaster, KUAM (which does business as Pacific Telestations), renewed their agreement with NBC, bringing Saipan and Tinian viewers realtime broadcasting of the programs.

"We are excited to bring live broadcasting of KUAM NBC TV8 to Saipan and Tinian. Now viewers can experience NFL games live and tune in to shows like The Voice, The Today Show, KUAM News, and other locally produced productions," said Tatiana Perez, Docomo Pacific's public relations coordinator.

NBC Network vises shows such as The Voice, SNL, NFL, Days of Our Lives, Meet the Press, Dateline, and The Today Show. (Docomo)



#### **'BLACK TIES AND ZORIES'**

Participants in the Make A Wish fundraiser let loose on the dance floor of the SandCastle on Nov. 10. The event showcased delicious food and beverages as well as a theatre performance of *The Lion King* Jr. by Mount Carmel School. MICHAEL T. SANTOS

### **COMMUNITY BRIEFS**

#### **MHS PTA meeting** today

Parents and guardians are invited to Marianas High School for a PTA meeting today, Nov. 16, 2016, starting at 6pm at the MHS counseling office. (PR)

#### **SHRM** meeting today on holiday issues

The CNMI Chapter of the Society for Human Resource Management will be holding a membership meeting today, Nov. 16, 2016, from 11:30am to 1:30pm at the Pacific Islands Club's Charley's. All members of the community are invited to attend. The November meeting will offer a special opportunity to members to hear from Marcia K. Schultz, of the law firm Marianas Legal Strategy Group, LLC, and from Catherine Cachero, one of its counsels. They will be presenting on the topic "Holiday legal issues." The attendance fee is \$20 for SHRM members and \$30 for non-SHRM members. Register with Penny Jones by e-mail at penny.jones@hyattsaipan. com or contact Penny or Lany by telephone at 323-5867 or 323-5867. Seats are limited, but still available. (SHRM)

#### **Holiday closures at** Visitor Center

The American Memorial Park Visitor Center will be closed in observance of the upcoming federal holidays:

■ Nov. 24, 2016, Thanksgiving

■ Dec. 25, 2016, Christmas

■ Jan. 1, 2017, New Year's Day

Park staff would also like to encourage the public to visit the Visitor Center. With the exception of the holidays closed, the VC is open every day from 9am to 5pm.

If you have any questions, contact park ranger Brooke Nevitt at 234-7207 or 2020 or email brooke nevitt@nps. gov. (NPS)

#### Free health screenings this week

In observance of Diabetes Awareness Month, avail of free health screenings for all agencies on Nov. 16, 2016, from 8am to 12pm at the Office of the Governor's conference room and Nov. 17, 2016, from 8am to 12pm at the Department of Public Lands conference room. There will be a blood glucose check, blood pressure check, and cholesterol check. For more information, call 236-8727or 236-8728. (PR)

Holiday bazaar on Dec. 4 The annual Brilliant Star School Holiday Bazaar will be held Sunday, Dec. 4, from 9am to 4pm at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe. The event is an opportunity for artists and other vendors to showcase their arts, and for residents and visitors to get an early start on buying unique and beautiful gifts for the holidays. Interested vendors may contact the school at 323-STAR (323-7827). For parents who would like to have a little alone shopping time, the event features an arts and crafts area for children. The daylong event is also graced

by performances throughout the day by various community cultural and arts groups. There will also be raffles. (PR)

### **FOA** to hold board meeting

The Friends of the Arts will hold a board meeting on Nov. 29, 6:30pm to 9pm, at the Canton Restaurant, across from the Mobil/McDonald's in Garapan. The meeting will include musical and thespian entertainment. There will be a detailed discussion regarding the 2017 season and the opportunity to renew membership and purchase season tickets. For more information, contact Frank Gibson at flgibson@yahoo.com. (PR)

### PH mobile outreach on Saipan

The Philippine Consulate General in Agana. Guam. in coordination with Philippine honorary consul to the CNMI Glicerio Arago, said the biometrics capturing of epassport applications will take place on Nov. 15-19, at Studio 29:11; 2F DHL office, Chalan Lau-Lau, Middle Road, Saipan. Please note that all epassport applications require personal appearance. Please wear proper attire (i.e. shirt with collar). Applicants are advised to be present at the venue on the date and time indicated in the schedule. Due to the start of the new ePassport system, we are strictly implementing the cancellation of "no show' applicants. For more information and confirmation, call (670) 233-6293 and ask for Mel Santos. (PR)

### Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

### CUC-RFP-17-011 SUPPLY OF FUEL FOR LIGHT VEHICLE AND HEAVY EQUIPMENT

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified vendors for the supply of fuel for light vehicles and heavy equipment for CUC Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The RFP Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$200.00 (non-refundable) for one RFP package set. The RFP package consisting of the specifications and scope-of-work will be emailed to all registered prospective proposers email ID. Prospective Proposers must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division.

One (1) original and four (4) hard copies, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-17-011 -Supply of Fuel for Light Vehicle and Heavy Equipment" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than December 5, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST). Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered. conditional proposals will not be considered.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors.

All Offeror are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the on of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services. with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proponent awarded a contract. Successful proponents will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page: https://marianaslabor.net/. The proponents shall be required to comply with all applicable CNMI

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on November 18, 2016 to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administratorial and the submitted of the submitted Administrator via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org and Marcela Tenorio, CUC Purchasing Assistant via email address

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

**GARY P. CAMACHO Acting Executive Director** 

MANNY B. SABLAN **Purchasing Administrator** 

# Grant to jumpstart SV park revitalization project

Recognizing the importance of energizing the San Vicente community by revitalizing its existing community park, the Office of the Governor has successfully secured U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development grant funding through the Northern Marianas Housing Corp.'s Community Development Block Grant.

The San Vicente Central Park revitalization and enhancement project proposal was first initiated by thensenator Ralph DLG. Torres in with the purpose of enhanc-February 2011 as a preliminary development.

According to Vicky Benavente, special assistant for Project Development, a revitalized community park is needed to give residents in San Vicente and surrounding neighborhoods a safe and vibrant setting that is easily accessible.

"The San Vicente Central Park will provide recreational, educational, and cultural activities for the children, youth, adults, and the man'amko, ing the quality of life for all residents. The cornerstone and highlight of the proposed park project is the reconstruction of the iconic round house, a landmark that has historically been linked to San Vicente," Benavente said.

Torres expressed that because community involvement is an integral part of building community ownership and a sense of identity, the park project will contribute to positive social interactions and recreational opportunities.

"These park's features and amenities will directly benefit students and families in and around San Vicente, Dandan, and other adjacent villages. This project aims to address community needs and will provide numerous youthoriented programs which will be conducted by participating agencies. Phase 1 will cost just over \$450,000 funded entirely by the CBDG and I am pleased to see this project moving forward and thank all the agencies and community partners for supporting this development and the welfare of our youth," Torres said.

Shelane Borja, special assistant for Youth Affairs, affirmed the commitment of the Office of Youth Affairs to the project, stating that the addition of a youth center to the park would help deter juvenile mischief, delinquency, vandalism, and other community concerns.

"A dedicated youth center in San Vicente would undoubtedly serve the needs of students and allow us to implement sustainable programs to promote youth involvement and address educational needs. This will add an extra outlet for the promotion of cultural education as well as indoor and outdoor physical activities," Borja said

Benavente said the Department of Public Works is currently coordinating with an

GHIS congratulates its NJSDA and PGFC winners

architectural and engineering consultant on the construction of the park. The scope of work includes site demolition and concrete repair and reinforcement, a parking layout plan, walkways, and landscaping complete with ADA specifications.

The project also proposes new playground equipment, the construction of a youth center, repairs to the existing basketball court, and additional amenities such as picnic tables, barbecue pits, benches, lamp posts, and trash bins with park maintenance provided by the Division of Parks and Recreation, pursuant to Public Law 11-106. (Office of the Governor)

### Job well done for GCA's November 2016 PGFC winners

The administration, faculty and staff, and parents of Grace Christian Academy would like to extend their congratulations for another job well done by the winners and evervone who participated last Nov. 5, 2016, in the Primary Grades Forensic Conference competition at Marianas High School. GCA PGFC coordinator Esther Manzano would like to thank everyone who supported the competition, especially the assistant coaches, the older competitors who helped the younger competitors practice after school, and all the judges/ volunteers who spent their Saturday morning for the competition.

### **K-2 DIVISION Dramatic** Interpretation A

Aiyana Victory Fatialofa, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Breanna May Lopez, 3rd place Shewoo Kim, 4th place

### Humorous Interpretation A

Maria Sofia Gomez, 4th place

#### **Impromptu Speaking A** Hans Gabriel Ordas, 1st place

Shewoo Kim, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Llyanna Jaira Manalang, 4th place Jonathan Rosh Vivero, 5th place

#### **Impromptu Speaking B** Arielle Mae Matutino, 1st place

Zachary Luke Nunag, 3rd place Min Su Andy Kim, 4th place Mariska Badal, 5th place

#### **Readers Forum Masters A**

Arielle Mae Matutino, 3rd place Llyanna Jaira Manalang, 5th

#### **Readers Forum Masters B**

Justin Yao Ma, 5th place

### **Choral Speaking A**

Mariska Badal, 5th place Hannah Gabaldon, 5th place James Matsumoto Jr., 5th place Caroline Chuyao Sun, 5<sup>th</sup> place Sofia Cariaso, 5th place

#### **3-5 DIVISION** Dramatic **Interpretation A**

Jessica Yao Ma, 1st place William Matthew Cano, 2nd place

#### **Dramatic** Interpretation B

Jennifer Woo, 1st place Tae Hee Kim,  $2^{\text{nd}}$  place

#### Impromptu Speaking A

Sara Elizabeth Keaton, 1st place Nestor Ablog Jr., 2<sup>nd</sup> place Angieleysha Marie Punzalan, 5<sup>th</sup> place

### **Impromptu Speaking B**

Moira Grace Ernest, 1st place Min Seok Alex Kim, 5th place

### **Readers Forum A**

Yellena Sarang Kim, 4th place

### **Readers Forum B**

Noah Sang Min Lee, 5th place

#### **Readers Forum** Masters A

Eunice Nicole Pagaduan, 2nd place Nestor Ablog Jr., 3rd place Sara Elizabeth Keaton, 4th place Jessica Yao Ma, 5th place

#### Readers Forum Masters B

Jennifer Woo, 1st place Tae Hee Kim, 3rd place Ashley Ji Hye Jeon, 4th place

### Duo Interpretation A

Moira Grace Ernest, 1st place Seungeun Olivia Ha, 1st place Ashley Ji Hye Jeon, 4th place Kei Lizama, 4th place

### Choral Speaking A

Azriel Fatialofa, 4th place Alyssa Kim, 4<sup>th</sup> place Noah Sang Min Lee, 4th place

#### **Teachers/coaches:**

Teacher, Sheryl Joy Prieto; 1st Grade teacher, Courtney Poppinga; 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade teacher, Miriam Dilse; 3rd Grade teacher, Rosanna Lopez; 4th Grade teacher, Miss Amanda Haas; 5th Grade teacher Leah Garfil; PGFC coordinator, Esther Manzano

Judges/volunteers: Amanda Haas, Courtney Poppinga, Connie Chandler, Gloria Cabug, Aaron Cabug, Kate Edgar, Joan Taitano, Minna Ito.



The Golden Harvest International School and Daycare's Primary Grades Forensic Conference competition winners have their picture taken.



The Golden Harvest International School's National Junior Speech and Debate Association competitors have their picture taken.

The Golden Harvest International School and Daycare congratulates its National Junior Speech and Debate Association winners and participants last Oct. 22, 2016, at Hopwood Middle School. The school also fielded competitors for the Primary Grades Forensic Conference at Marianas High School on Nov. 5, 2016

#### **NJSDA WINNERS**

Duo - 1st Place: John Paul Labadan and Gadiele Rhopher Joson

PR-A - 1st Place: John Paul Labadan

4th Place: John Paul La-DI-A badan

00-A - 4th Place: Gadiele Rhoper Joson PR-B - 5th Place: Amber Sidney Sureta

### **PGFC WINNERS**

CH-RF- 1st Place: Vhonn Vincent Flandez 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Gregorio Romolor 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Terell Earl Hix DUO-A - 1st Place: Andre Amour

Zapata, Stephanie Joyce Sevilla 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Dane Tibavan. Arthur Angel Deliva 5th Place: Carlin Mei Santos, Melodie Mae Epan

HI-A - 5<sup>th</sup> Place: Carlin Mei Santos

RF-A - 3rd Place: Zian Michael **Obnimaga** 

C-SPK - 1st Place: Arthur Angel Deliva, Dane Tibayan, Jan Alverne Santos, Gregorio Romolor

3rd Place: Terel Earl Hix, Andre Amour Zapata, Austyn Trasmano, Princess Nicole Rigua, Stephanie Sevilla

C-SPK - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Kyrell Caraig, Jan Andrei Dumagan, Ezekiel Rhopher Joson **Quinn Thomas Palacios** 

CH-RF - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Quinn Thomas Pacacios

4th Place: Tamia Lei Hix DI-B - 3rd Place: Ernest Miikhail

Licop DUO - A - 3rd Place: Jan Andrei Dumagan, Ezekiel Rhopher Joson

NISDA coach: Nestor B. Tam PGFC coaches: Belinda Acosta, Leonor V. Marfil, Jeanne M. Salcedo, Imelda

C. Bautista Judges: Isabelita Salcedo, Mary Grace Mendoza



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Grace Christian Academy's Primary Grades Forensic Conference competition winners have their picture taken at the Rev. Raymond S. Kinsella Library.

### MVA a hit at Manila's Blogapalooza

The Marianas Visitors Authority's booth was a hit at the Blogapalooza-Horizons 2.0 event held on Nov. 5, 2016, at Novotel Manila Araneta Center.

Blogapalooza is a business-to-bloggers event and was attended by over 800 bloggers from throughout the Philippines. The MVA operated a booth at the event to educate and generate awareness among bloggers of what the Northern Marianas offers as a destination.

The MVA secured a strategic corner booth at the event along with industry partner Philippine Airlines. Bloggers were able to take pictures with "mwar" (floral head leis) and signs for Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. Bloggers also met celebrity Jojo, the Love Survivor. In the afternoon, the



Management and staff of the Marianas Visitors Authority's Philippines office attended the Blogapalooza-Horizons 2.0 event on Nov. 5, 2016, in Manila to promote the Northern Mariana Islands. Pictured from left are Jean Lugan, representative of the MVA's Philippines office; Abraham Ong, marketing manager of the MVA's Philippines office; Coralee Tan of AVIAREPS Philippines, and Philippine Airlines staff members

MVA made a destination presentation onstage.

"Any exposure we can get in the Philippines is welcome, and social media is definitely a strong medium in all our markets," said MVA managing director Christopher A.



Abraham Ong, marketing manager of the Marianas Visitors Authority's Philippines office, makes a presentation on the Northern Mariana Islands at Blogapalooza-Horizons 2.0 event on Nov. 5, 2016, in Manila.

Concepcion. "At the same time, we realize that many of our visitors via the Philippines actually originate from

China and transit through Manila. At this time, we are strategizing ways with our travel partners to increase



Bloggers attending Blogapalooza-Horizons 2.0 event on Nov. 5, 2016, in Manila posted photos of the Marianas Visitors Authority's booth.

visitors from both the Philippines and China to fill those

incoming flights."

most bloggers to their booth and also had the most event photos posted by attending The MVA attracted the bloggers. (MVA)

### USDOE awards \$836,000 to three states

The U.S. Department of Education announced yesterday \$836,000 in grants to Minnesota, Washington state and Hawaii to improve data collection of Asian American Pacific Islander students and to help identify effective practices to close achievement and opportunity gaps through data analysis.

The Asian American Pacific Islander Data Disaggregation Initiative, announced by U.S. Secretary of Education John B. King Jr. in May 2016, is aimed at better accounting for the diversity in background cultures and languages in the



Happy 32nd birthday to Augustin Castro, who is celebrating his special day today, Nov. 16! May you have many more blessing to come. We love you! Greetings come from your family.



5th birthday to Franko Ray C. Tudela! With love, from Dad, Mommy, Jr, Draven, and family.

as the wide variances in academic performance of those students. The grant program will award up to \$1 million per year for five years to states.

"President Obama's administration has worked tirelessly to improve the federal government's data collection," said King, "These grants support the administration's commitment to improve data collection, helping to identify educational opportunity gaps and tailor support to improve the college-and career-readiness of underserved AAPI students and English learners."

The grant program encourages state educational agencies in consortia with local educational agencies to obtain and evaluate disaggregated data on AAPI English learners and AAPI subpopulations. The Department projects this new initiative will impact approximately one million AAPI students in the three states.

"Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have too often been subjected to the model minority myth, the notion that they are all successful, educated, and self-sufficient, which has masked unique needs of AAPI subgroups," said Doua Thor, executive director for the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. "We're proud to work with the Department of Education to improve educational equity for underserved communities through these data disaggregation grants."

The Obama administration's commitment to equity in education for all students underlies every significant activity of the Education Department-from programs focused on early learning to college affordability and tools for reducing student debt. (DOE)

# MVA partners with Fujifilm Korea on familiarization tour

In cooperation with photographic film production brand Fujifilm Korea, the Marianas Visitors Authority held a blogger familiarization tour on Oct. 26-30, 2016, on Tinian and Saipan.

Since Fujifilm's founding in 1934 as a photographic film manufacturer, the company has expanded to become an innovative leader in a variety of business fields. The tour to the Northern Mariana Islands was organized to promote the beautiful scenery of the Northern Marianas and to position the islands as a photogenic destination.

Ten participants experienced Tinian and Saipan's natural beauty and took beautiful landscape pictures while visiting and experiencing major travel attractions and activities. During their day trip to Tinian, the group visited most of the island's travel attractions; Blow Hole, Taga Beach, Tachogna Beach, Carolinas Nature Trail, North Field historic sites, Ushi Cross Point, Broadway, House of Taga, Long Beach, and Chulu Beach.

'The feedback we received is that the [familiarization] tour participants fell in love with the beautiful scenery of Saipan and Tinian," said MVA marketing manager Bruce Bateman. "They took many



Photos taken by 10 bloggers during the Marianas Visitors Authority-Fujifilm Korea blogger familiarization tour on Oct. 26-30, 2016, will be posted on the participants' travelogues throughout November

photos to upload on their blogs, and through these posts, the charming, clean nature of our islands will be a strong selling point to potential new visitors from Korea."

The participants' travelogues will be posted on their blogs throughout November, and photos taken by the participants will be used for the MVA's upcoming promotional events.

Accommodations were provided by Hyatt Regency Saipan. The group dined at Miyako, Kensington Hotel, iHOP, Bubba Gump, and JC Café. Tours also included Managaha, T Galleria, a sunset cruise, an ATV tour, and the historic and scenic sites of Marpi in northern Saipan. (MVA)



Participants of the Marianas Visitors Authority-Fujifilm Korea blogger familiarization tour on Broadway on Oct. 28, 2016, as part of their visit to Tinian, Northern Mariana Islands. The group was accompanied by marketing manager Katie Lee of the MVA's Korea office, second left.

# **Opinion**



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### **EDITORIAL**

# Will Donald Trump govern in prose or profanity?

he late New York Gov. Mario Cuomo said that politicians campaign in poetry and then govern in prose. What of President-elect Donald Trump?

While running for office, Trump used offensive and condescending language to disparage women and minorities. He incited violence at his rallies and promised to build a wall to keep out Mexicans. We never got poetry.

Trump soon will lead our country. He didn't win the election on elocution points, true, but he did win. And he did so on his terms, which included an appeal to common-sense governance.

To Trump and many of his supporters, devotion to political correctness isn't common sense. It's a sin of modern America that needs to be washed away. You hear that in the roughshod way he sometimes speaks.

Because every president brings personal style and substance to the role, no one should expect Trump to sound like any prior resident of the White House. He, and possibly his Twitter account, will take some getting used to. Over time his decision-making will win over the country or drive more people into opposition.

We'll all see. The American people owe every new president a fresh start. But this time is different. There's an issue of Trump's leadership that our divided nation has to confront before the Jan. 20 inauguration:

Every American should respect the election results and appreciate an orderly transfer of power. At the same time, Trump needs to earn the respect of all Americans, especially those who did not support and do not like him. He'll make no progress uniting the country unless he speaks and acts more responsibly.

We were tempted to write: He'll make no progress uniting the country unless he speaks and acts like an adult. It's a strange predicament, searching for the right phrase to coach the incoming president of the free world on his manners.

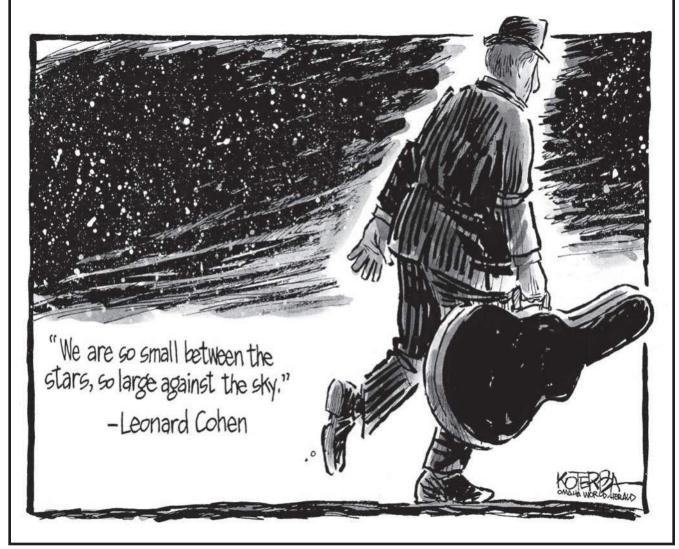
Trump has to accept that, to many Americans, his election put a frightening stamp of legitimacy on his history of boorish and bigoted behavior. Parents struggle to explain to their children why he says mean things. Educators who punish students for name-calling and teach that bullying is wrong feel their hard work is undermined by, of all people, the next president of the United States. Racists are emboldened.

The American political experience is no ice cream social. Campaigns get ugly and politicians tell plenty of lies, which also are bad for children to hear. But everyone can agree the presidency is special, even sacred, in its role as living embodiment of our liberal democracy and our republican ideals.

We don't believe the American people will tolerate a president who would be fired for sexual harassment if he worked for a company—or sent to the principal's office if he were still in sixth grade.

The problem goes beyond the specifics of language or decorum. Trump used vulgar language in the 2005 recording in which he bragged of groping and assaulting women. He insulted war hero Sen. John McCain. But he also condoned combat at campaign rallies. "If you see somebody getting ready to throw a tomato, knock the crap out of 'em, would you?" he said in Iowa.

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## My generation and the Generation of 'Me'

By TIBERIU DIANU

place at home.

ack in my high school years, I had discovered James Joyce and became a fan of his literature. In fact, I was so much into him that I decided to enter a regional English literature essay competition. There I won a second prize award for an essay dealing with his autobiographical work. I have been keeping my award ever since, together with my personal documents and school transcripts, in a safe

Part of those years I spent deepening my knowledge into his works, and particularly in *Dubliners*, *The Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man*, *Ulysses*, and *Finnegan's Wake*. Although regarded as an apolitical author, Joyce was, in fact, sympathetic to the radical political movements of his time, particularly in anarchism, syndicalism (revolutionary unionism) and socialism, which, in those years, were influential for the avant-garde writers on their road to literary modernism.

These days, shortly after Donald Trump became Presidentelect of the U.S.A., playing by all the rules of the democratic game, our nation has started to be confronted with a resurgence of the left (both moderate and anarchist-radical), who was the big loser of the 2016 elections.

Soon after the elections were called, anti-Trump rioters erupted in the cities of Baltimore, Oakland, Philadelphia, and Portland. The rioters went passive-aggressive. From cry to anger, from defense to offense. They seem to have forgotten the rules of the game. Now, albeit in minority, they want to change the rules.

I have seen scenes of "re-Joyce" (no pun intended) for destruction, during an "Odyssey" where, after their "Election Day Wake," "Portlanders" have morphed into "Portraits of Anarchists as Young Men." Then, I started to wonder, like Seinfeld: "Who are these people?" And I think I know.

Let me attempt to "paint" a "portrait" in 15 quick brushstrokes (in no particular order). They are the Generation of "Me," consisting of those who:

- (1) Are told they are "special."
- (2) Are told they are still "winners" when they lose.
- (3) Receive awards for getting on the 5th place or lower.
- (4) Play games without keeping scores.
- (5) Call their parents by their first names and treat them as their "best friends."

- (6) Don't see their fathers much or at all.
- (7) Are peaceniks in times of war and warriors in times of peace.
- (8) Text to each other when they sit at the same table.
- (9) Text when they stay, text when they walk, and don't hear when you ask them for directions.
- (10) Use their reproductive system for sex, but don't accept it for reproduction.
- (11) Want to change the "family" definition by ignoring family's basic function of natural reproduction.
- (12) Believe Marxism is an "interesting" philosophy, but "incorrectly applied."(13) Say that "property sucks," but demand that everyone is
- entitled to a "fair" share. (14) Play "politically correct" when they run out of arguments.
- (15) Love democracy when they win, and secession when they lose.

In the end, there is a silver lining for the left, during the next four (eight?) years of Trump administration, and particularly for:
(1) Alec Baldwin, who will keep his SNL job as a Donald

- Trump impersonator.
  (2) Bruce "The Boss" Springsteen, who will sputter with his
- voice the same linear "protest songs."

  (3) Beyoncé, who will shape the "Formation" of a new gencration of young African American girls topology them should
- eration of young African-American girls, teaching them about the moral values of being "bootylicious." (4) Madonna, Cher, Lady Gaga, Katy Perry, Miley Cyrus,
- (4) Madonna, Cher, Lady Gaga, Katy Perry, Miley Cyrus, Amy Schumer, Adele (oops, she's British!), and all the cohort of Pantsuit Nation feminist "b\*\*\*\*s" (how they like to be called), who will make us "hear them roar" about their "vagina monologues" and "girls' power."
- (5) Spike Lee, who will realize that "Father Knows Best" is not "over" yet.

Instead, he, the father, will return to his abandoned home. And, with the former single mother, together they will try to fix their broken family. And get their sons and daughters back to school or work, where they belong. Sons and daughters who are rioters now. And who are looting the cities of Baltimore, Oakland, Philadelphia, and Portland.

This is The Generation of "Me" on steroids.

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### I Tanu' Ridondu

tautau ni tumailayiye i otru añgog-hu na i tatatte mas fotte ya siempre kabales umasiñala para hagu. I tanu` ridondu ya todu fina` tailaye ni unna` rata huyuñg kontra i prohimumu siempre u fattu tatte gi pettan gima`mu. Kabilosu na fina` akonsehu ginen i mañaina-ta.

Dispues, mas fotte i mafanana'an "minaipen tautau". Tatnai sisida para un' fan rikokohe matdision ginen i un' aminasa sin rason. Gigon hinegsi hau, todas! Poresu na mas amtau gumai atuñgu' sa' un' establese inapinitiye. Gi oran nesessidatmu guaha besis na i mas ti un' añgog-hu mattu yan ayuduña.

#### Che`chu` Guma`

Kada finatog-hu ya ti ma-alifog i amiguhu i asuntun mame mas ñahlalañg. Mauleg na konbetsasion gi haf manchogue diariu. Bula lokue` grasiosu na chaleg.

Pa`gu monhahayan ha aregla i kasiyas manog pot lamegai pinilakes puyitus. Monhayan lokue` muna`gasgas gi entalu` choda. Ha tanchu` i nuebu na tinanomña sunin Japon ya ilegña "fahna na attikulu".

I tinanum dagu esta dos biahe mamunu` ya kasi esta`i otru sakan `nai para u hali`. "Debi u dañkulu kosake guaha dididi` pattemu". Magahet na animu mamogsai yan mananum. Kontra ha`anen gupot ha katkukula gi todu finachucho`ña.

Ha menti hagas lugatña umedagun halum tanu` ni mafa` hotel yan golf course giya Kagman. Haf` na Puntan Muchot i hagas lugat pañglau. Otru klasen pañglau mangaige pa`gu. Maliñgu i hagas lugat natibu umetotche. Kontodu i hagas gayera giya Chalan Piao.

Kasi guiya este mafanana'an "adelantu" nos pot para hita, lau para siha 'nai manafan setbi hit sin konsiderasion pot modun linala'ta. Piot ya humalum tautau-ta mismu ya siha bumendi hit lalala'! Umafulu' kuttura yan nuebu na appottunidat cho'chu' para haye numesessita ma-emplea.

Hafaisenyu' i amiguhu haf' na mampos apenas proteksion interes mamopble gi asuntun niha? Naturat sa' mafatañgaye ni manma'gas! Gi halum fuetsau na mattiru manalag hulu' gi hegsu' imperadot I Deni' manñgaha' ausilliu. Taya' ayudu mafattu.

Dispues ha repiti un` finu` riku: "Puti popble lau putiña kaduku!" Ai na chaleg ham!

Bes enkuandu ha huñgog dandan Christmas gi karetahu. Inna` la-agañg pot umadanchi yan fresku na lemlem tautau. Hana bisbis i lateria ya ilegña, "Desde pa`gu na pueñge Christmas". Sige kumanta esta nina` achichigu`.

Mattu ham gi bokan dispues de Misan Gayu. Ti malefa ni boñelus dagu. Lau na tiempu fuera de hasan inipus guaguan. Donats tenda ha` linañgag ni sueddun social security! Mañge' na konbetsasion piot sa` fina` lanchu `nai estaba ham na dos. Paire lokue` asun foggun natibu gi kusina. Esta na`mahalañg!

I bidan diariu gi lanchun i amiguhu hana` hahassuyu` ni finapos megai na familia guine gi tutuhun sisienta siha na sakan gi tinilaikan Navy yan Interior. Makat na kontrariu i megai mana` fan basta gi che`chu` niha. Diberas, tat familia ti sumufa` i gualu`

### **TRUMP**

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There were many examples of that, of cavalier disdain for free speech, from the man about to assume the office once held by Lincoln and Jefferson. More appalling were some of his policy pronouncements regarding specific minority groups. In Trump's world view, Muslims can be kept out of our country as a security risk based only on their religious beliefs. And Latinos without documentation can be rounded up en masse and deported. Those ideas signal that it's fine to treat others as lesser people.

Condoning Trump's ugly language, even shrugging it off as sloppy, heat-of-the-moment rhetoric, would be dangerous. It isolates whole groups of our fellow citizens. It gives racists permission to lash out. It confuses and frightens children. It hurts America's standing as leader of the free world. It is embarrassing. It is un-American.

And so we ask of President-elect Trump, will he govern in prose ... or profanity?

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yan tasi. Adumididi` sige hit tatte gi moseria. Mauleg na lamayot patte manfelis hinanau niha.

**Ineyag Katma:** Diariu tafagcha'e estobu gi ha'anita. Patte este gi hinanau-ta kada manana si Yuus. Guaha na asuntu hana' fan impirau hinasso-ta, guaha lokue' kumelachai pinasensia-ta. Gi katkuet sakudida, estotbu.

Poresu na mauleg kada unu u eyag sensian katma. Petsonatmente, hu gagagau si Santa Maria bendision katma kada oga`an gi tinayuyot-yu. Duranten tinayuyot umachigu`yu` pot para bai hu esgaihon halum sensian hinimiddi yan pinasensia. Dispues, humaguñg-yu` taduñg ya hu guaife adumididi` ginen labios-hu ni hu huchum lamayot patte. Chogue este pot dies biahe.

Mas ñahlalañg siñientemu diariamente 'nai klaru un' li'e asunto-mu siha. Lokue', mas pasifiku maña-mu gi todu disposision. Pa'gu 'an guaha binibu-mu seha tatte ya muñga mamatinas disision estake katma hinasso-mu.

**Pot Chaleg:** `An daibitis hau, pues kasi manhita na tropa gi bandan fakterian asukat. Maseha manu hit guatu tatatte ha` i edut para u fan getiñg gi lasas-ta. Ilegña un` amiguhu daibitis, "Debi un` eyag sumañgane 'Cho!' ya u bira siha tatte". Haf` na "cho". Sige ha` magi humihot i tropan odut agaga`.

Masañgane un` prohimu ni sumen tatkilu` haga`ña para u chachaleg kosake siña u lalibianu ha`aniña. `Nai umatalag, chumachaleg, dimalas. Atrasau i akonsehu giya guiya. A`saina!

Ilegniha na este i chenut dinalag para manriku. Lau todu asudahu` gi hospitat puru mamopble ni mañichichi` pot "follow me". Dios mihu!

Todu klasen aminasa man-masaulag hit pot neñkanu desde usun asiga, mantika, asukat, pan yan hinegsa'. Ni unu baba kumu un' adahe usun niha. Gaige este giya hagu ni fumafana'

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usun todu diariamente.

Po ihemplu: Fina deni` asnen tukun mauleg para abre ganas fuera de un` gulusuni. Mantika ayudu piot para i mandaibitis yangin ti un` daflogue. `Agun pan yan hinegsa` mauleg lokue yan ti un` suhun mas ke otdinariu na kantida. Nasetbi mauleg na midision gi todu kinano`mu.

Duru i amiguhu ha sumukigue` kelaguen higadun binadu. `Nai ha li`e-yu` ilegña, "Maila` ya un` higadu hau!" Magahet ti manmanyu`. Hu chuli` patteg-hu antes de u lachai. Dispues durum chaleg pot fino`ña para bai "higaduyu`". Dios mihu!

Lastru: Estorian pot un' patgon ni diariu ha faisen i Saina ayudu. Sessu i dos mamokat gi kantun tasi. Un' dia hali'e i lastru siha gi inai. Guaha na lugat taigue lastroña. Ha faisen i Saina malag manu lastroña. Ineppi, "Hu hogue hau guihe siha na mumentu 'nai guaha pinitimu sino chinatsagamu". Kontentu i patgon.

**Si Nana:** Este i guinayan nana makat ta pesa. Gi todu animuña siempre muna` sahñge fina` suette ya ayu na patgoña hanana`e i ti lumalañgag obligasioña. I guinaiyan nana!

Pa`gu i guinaiyan tata otru klasi. Ayu mas gañgña i numana`egue` maneska `an pueñge. Dios mihu esta uma`achatge i dos pot parehu kodu!

### What comes next?

ly half the country is disappointed, some deeply so. What comes next?

The temptation—already indulged by numerous pundits and media commentators—is to lament the sad state of the country. It is to conclude that the country is still deeply racist. It is to conclude that the country is not ready for a woman president. It is to conclude that many Americans, especially lesseducated white males, are fearful of change, diversity and their loss of place. It is to conclude that the country is in deep trouble.

onald Trump has been elected president—and rough-

These sentiments all share a common feature: they blame the majority of Americans who voted for Donald Trump. They express absolutely no self-reflection.

When Republicans lose elections, Democrats are quick to offer advice. Republicans, they say, should move toward the political center. Republicans should reach out to Hispanic voters. Republicans should abandon their social issue agenda.

Democrats should take a page out of their own book. They should take their own advice and engage in genuine self-reflection about why they lost. If they were to do this, they would learn two lessons.

First, Hillary Clinton was a very flawed candidate. Her longstanding and repeated ethical lapses were not attractive to voters, who were loath to elect a president who has been under active investigation by the FBI. Democrats should run a better candidate next time.

Second, and more important, they would learn that the majority of Americans do not believe the government listens to, much less addresses their concerns. They are tired of the political class talking down to them, lecturing them and even mocking them. They are tired of the political class conducting government business on its own behalf rather than voters' behalf.

When voters wonder why we cannot control our border—a fair enough question—they are told they are racists. When voters express alarm over a federal debt approaching \$20 trillion—also fair enough—they are written off as know-nothings unfamiliar with arcane concepts of debt-to-GDP ratios and the like. When voters seek a measure of safety for themselves and

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their families—also fair enough—they are called bitter clingers. When voters oppose partial birth abortion—a grisly and inhumane practice—they are called religious bigots and incredibly, anti-woman.

Much about how the future unfolds will depend on how Donald Trump chooses to govern. Trump had no experience in running a primary election campaign when he began; he had never stood for election before. But he learned quickly enough to win. Nor had he any experience in running a general election campaign, having never done that either. But he learned quickly enough to win.

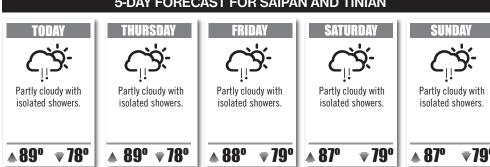
It is fair enough to say that on the cusp of assuming the presidency, Trump has no experience in governing, which is a very different enterprise than campaigning. But if the past is any guide, he will learn that quickly too. He will learn that if he is to succeed he will have to mend fences with his own political party in Washington. And he will hopefully learn, too, that he must reach out to the opposition party in a way that his predecessor

Both political campaigns demeaned one another and demeaned the motives of opposition voters. In some measure, this was what attracted voters to Donald Trump—they felt for once they had a candidate who gave as good as he got.

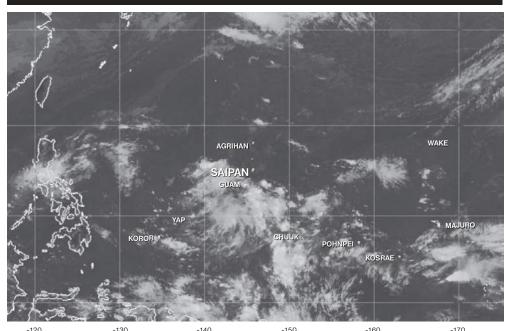
But the campaign is over and it is time to govern. For Trump, this will require a positive, forward-looking agenda, absent any political retaliation. For his opponents, it should mean an end to demeaning the majority of American voters and engaging in some long overdue self-reflection.

## The Weather

### 5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN



#### YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



### PICTURE TIME: 7:45 AM, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2016

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180

Andersen Air Force Base Doppler weather radar shows scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms in the southern Guam waters and south of the Guam waters. The radar also shows isolated showers and thunderstorms in other areas of the forecast zones. The VAD wind profile reveals southeast winds of 10 to 15 knots just off the surface. These turn to east 20 to 25 knots from 1000 feet to 35000 feet above the ground.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

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Guam and Rota	Afternoon clouds	83 / 88 °F
Palau	Partly sunny	80 / 86 °F
Yap	Partly sunny	79 / 89 °F
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	77 / 86 °F
Pohnpei	Partly sunny	78 / 85 °F
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	78 / 84 °F
Majuro	Partly sunny	81 / 84 °F
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Hong Kong	Mostly sunny	73 / 81 °F
Honolulu	Partly cloudy	72 / 79 °F
London	Mostly cloudy	49 / 57 °F
Los Angeles	Haze	53 / 69 °F
Manila	Morning clouds	81 / 90 °F
Melbourne	Sunny	51 / 67 °F
Miami	Mostly sunny	65 / 76 °F
New York	Partly sunny	42 / 59 °F
Osaka	High level clouds	47 / 58 °F
Paris	Partly cloudy	53 / 56 °F
Pusan	High level clouds	42 / 60 °F
Rome	High level clouds	36 / 58 °F
Salem	Cloudy	44 / 51 °F
San Francisco	Morning clouds	54 / 61 °F
Seoul	High level clouds	26 / 49 °F
Tokyo	Mostly sunny	49 / 56 °F
Washington, DC	Partly cloudy	37 / 60 °F



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# **Business**

# Google also gets fooled by fake election news

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)— Google's search engine highlighted an inaccurate story claiming that President-elect Donald Trump won the popular vote in last week's election, the latest example of bogus information spread by the internet's gatekeepers.

The incorrect results were shown Monday in a two-dayold story posted on the pro-Trump "70 News" site. A link to the site appeared at or near the top of Google's influential rankings of relevant news stories for searches on the final election results.

Google acknowledged the problem, although as of midafternoon Monday, the link to "70 News" remained prominent in its results.

Although Google rarely removes content from its search results, the company is taking steps to punish sites that manufacture falsehoods. In a move disclosed Monday, Google says it will prevent its lucrative digital ads from appearing on sites that "misrepresent, misstate, or conceal information." The action could give sites a bigger incentive to get



things right or risk losing a valuable source of revenue.

#### **FAKE NEWS** ON STEROIDS

False information is nothing new on the internet, where debunkers have been batting down unfounded claims and urban legends for more than two decades.

But the problem has gained more attention in the postmortem of a bitterly contested presidential election in which Trump, a Republican billionaire and former reality TV star, defeated Hillary Clinton, a Democrat and former U.S. secretary of state who had been leading in the polls.

Trump wound up prevailing in enough key states to win the Electoral College's decisive vote, but is trailing Clinton in the overall popular vote

with some ballots still being counted. Clinton's lead in the popular vote has become one of the flashpoints in the protests against Trump's election being staged in cities across the country.

Google is just the latest company in the crosshairs. Fake news stories uncritically circulated during and after the In this March 23, 2010, file photo, the Google logo is seen at the Google headquarters in Brussels. Google's search engine is highlighting an inaccurate story claiming that U.S. President-elect Donald Trump won the popular vote in the Nov. 8. 2016, election, the latest example of bogus information spread by the internet's gatekeepers.

election on Facebook have sparked a debate over the role of social media companies, which are key sources of news for large numbers of people. Critics suggest that these companies should be more careful to ensure they aren't passing along misleading information.

#### **SOCIAL MEDIA AND THE NEWS**

Google's dominant search engine is the leading source of traffic to media sites, according to the online analytics firm Chartbeat. Meanwhile, a study by the Pew Research Center found about 60 percent of

Americans get at least some of their news from social media sites such as Facebook, which now has 178 million users in the U.S. and Canada.

In the election's aftermath, Facebook has been accused of possibly swaying the election's outcome by promoting fake news stories on its social network. Last summer, the company fired a handful of journalists who oversaw its "trending" news list and replaced them with an algorithm; fake news stories quickly began to trend.

CEO Mark Zuckerberg brushed off that criticism as "crazy" in an appearance last week. He elaborated in a Saturday post on Facebook in which he asserted that "more than 99 percent of what people see" on Facebook is authentic. Zuckerberg conceded more needs to be done to block bogus information, but said that determining what's blatantly wrong isn't always an easy task.

### World's youngest stock market struggles in Myanmar

Myanmar (AP)—The day's trading is about to begin on the world's youngest stock exchange, and the MYANPIX index and opening share prices flash across an electronic screen, but barely a footfall or a voice are heard within the cavernous, colonial era building in the bustling heart of Myanmar's commercial capital.

A gilded bell hangs silently above the almost empty floor, engraved with a single word: "Success."

Not yet. Only three companies are listed on the board and at the end of the day just 7,221 shares were traded, compared with nearly 839 million the same day on the New York Stock Exchange.

Since the YSE, a joint venture between Myanmar, Japan's Daiwa Institute of Research and the Japan Exchange Group, began trading in March, only 20,000

investors have ventured into the market. Regulators complain that those who do take the plunge rely largely on rumors, herd psychology and even the stars.

Martin Zhang, an account executive with KBZ Stirling Coleman Securities, said one client offered him an astrological chart to help guide his investment decisions.

The Amsterdam stock market, the world's first, opened its doors 428 years ago. The New York Stock Exchange, the world's largest, was born in 1817, Thet Htun Oo, senior manager of the Yangon exchange, reminded a recent group of visiting journalists.

"We are only a sevenmonth-old baby," he said.

A half-century of harsh military rule in this Southeast Asian country of 55 million brought economic ruin and isolation from the international community and global financial trends.

Samsung's \$8B ticket into the red-hot automotive tech race SEOUL, South Korea put the company in a strong (AP)—Samsung Electronics' position as the race to devel-\$8 billion acquisition of the op autonomous vehicles bar-U.S. auto electronics comrels forward.

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and Mark Levinson.

In recent years Harman has used acquisitions to move into over-the-internet software updates and cyber security.

Harman complements Samsung's work in electronic displays and computer processors and, because of its established reputation in the auto industry, gives Samsung a strong foothold there, said Sam Abuelsamid, senior analyst for Navigant Research.

Samsung plans to keep Harman as an independent subsidiary and retain its management team, the companies said. That allows Samsung to enter the auto business with a different and well-established brand, avoiding any image

problems because of the recent Samsung Galaxy Note 7 cell phone battery fires.

"They're looking for other revenue streams not necessarily as dependent on consumer perceptions," Abuelsamid said.

Sophisticated telematics systems will be in most new cars by 2020 to support overthe-internet software updates and other functions, Abuelsamid said. Since Harman already supplies screens and software, Samsung can get in the door to sell computer chips, he said.

### Army Corps wants more study on Dakota Access oil pipeline

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP)— The Army Corps of Engineers on Monday said it has finished a review of the disputed Dakota Access pipeline but wants more study and tribal input before deciding whether to allow it to cross under a Missouri River reservoir in North Dakota.

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Stamford, Connecticut, com-

pany. It's Samsung's largest

acquisition by far and it will

The announcement, which came amid speculation that federal officials were on the brink of green-lighting the crossing, spells further delay for the project. Dallas-based

Energy Transfer Partners, the company developing the pipeline, said earlier Monday that it expected to be moving oil through the pipeline by early next year if it got permission.

The corps in July granted ETP the permits needed for the project, but in September said more analysis was warranted in the wake of American Indian concerns. The Standing Rock Sioux, whose reservation will be skirted by the \$3.8 billion, four-state pipeline,

says it threatens its drinking water and cultural sites.

ETP disputes that and said last week it is preparing to bore under the river.

Army Assistant Secretary Jo-Ellen Darcy said in a letter to company officials and tribal Chairman Dave Archambault that "additional discussion with the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and analysis are warranted." That discussion is to include potential conditions on an easement for the pipeline crossing that would reduce the risk of a spill.

Darcy said the Army will work with the tribe on a timeline "that allows for robust discussion and analysis to be completed expeditiously." Army spokeswoman Moira Kelley would not elaborate to The Associated Press on whether a decision would be done by the time President Barack Obama leaves office. Donald Trump, a pipeline supporter, is set to take office in January.

### LEADING INDICATORS

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S&P 2,164.20 -0.25 -0.01%

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Australian Dollar 1.3231 **British Pound** 0.801 dollar Canadian Dolla 1.3541 **Chinese Yuan** 6.8578 In U.S. Euro 0.9303

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| Philippine Peso 49.12 1.4133 Singapore Dollar South Korean Won 1170.3 **Swiss Franc** 0.9974 Taiwan Dollar 31.899 Thailand Baht 35.37

### **Nation**

### In complete reversal, Obama refuses to criticize Trump

WASHINGTON President Barack Obama on Monday abandoned his dire warnings and dark predictions about his newly elected successor and urged Americans to give President-elect Donald Trump time to rise to the daunting responsibilities of the office, breaking sharply from his Democratic allies who have quickly condemned Trump's first major decisions.

In his first extended remarks on the election that pounded his party and his legacy, Obama sought to reassure an anxious world and nation about his successor's commitments to alliances, at times appearing almost sanguine about a future Trump administration.

Although he would not explicitly say Trump was qualified for the office, he said he believed the first-time officeholder would do his best to unite the nation, calling him pragmatic. He refused to wade into a political firestorm over Trump's decision to name a far-right conservative media mogul as a top adviser. And he expressed hope that the weight of the presidency will force Trump to overcome his shortcomings.

"He has won. He's going to be the next president and regardless of what experience or assumptions he brought to the office, this office has a way of waking you up," Obama said. "And some of his gifts that obviously allowed him to ex-



ecute one of the biggest political upsets in history, those are ones that hopefully he will put to good use on behalf of all the American people.'

Obama's refusal to criticize his successor was a 180-degree reversal from the rhetoric of his campaign takedowns. Only a week ago, as he campaigned for Hillary Clinton, Obama said Trump was "woefully unprepared for the job" and couldn't

"handle the nuclear codes."

Obama's latest remarks bore little resemblance to the calls for resistance coming from other Democrats and many of Obama's supporters. As they come to grips with Trump's surprising win, many

of state in Donald Trump's

incoming administration, a

senior Trump official said on

Monday—another indication

the president-elect is putting a

prize on loyalty as he narrows

The official, who was not

authorized to speak on the re-

cord and requested anonymity.

said there was no real compe-

tition for the job and that it was

Giuliani's if he wanted it. But

a second official cautioned

down his Cabinet picks.

Democrats have seized on a call not to accept or "normalize" the actions of a man who ran a divisive campaign that included charges of racism, sexism and other offensive rhetoric and actions.

But Obama, who was the

target of some of that rhetoric, has embraced the role of national hand-holder. Both in private and in a brief statement last week, Obama has suggested that Democrats should buck up and move on. He's cast Trump's election as in line with the usual zig and zag of politics.

On Monday, as he prepared to embark on a three-nation trip abroad, Obama went so far as to vouch for Trump and his foreign policies. Although Trump campaigned as a harsh critic of NATO, Obama said Trump sounded a different note when they met in the Oval Office last week.

Obama said the Republican "expressed a great interest in maintaining our core strategic relationships," including 'strong and robust NATO' partnerships.

"There is enormous continuity ... that makes us that indispensable nation when it comes to maintaining order around the world," Obama said. Relationships and policies go beyond presidents, he said, adding that military officials, diplomats and intelligence officers would cooperate with their foreign counterparts as before.

Obama acknowledged he had offered advice to Trump,

### Racist post about Michelle Obama causes backlash

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP)—The director of a West Virginia development group and a mayor are under scrutiny after a racist post about first lady Michelle Obama caused a backlash and prompted calls on social media for both women to be fired.

Clay County Development Corp. director Pamela Ramsey Taylor made the post following Donald Trump's election as president, saying: "It will be refreshing to have a classy, beautiful, dignified First Lady in the White House. I'm tired of seeing a Ape in heels."

Clay Mayor Beverly Whaling responded: "Just made my day Pam."

The post, first reported by WSAZ-TV, was shared hundreds of times on social media before it was deleted.

The Facebook pages of Taylor and Whaling couldn't be found Monday. A call to the Clay County Development Corp. went unanswered and

Whaling didn't immediately return a telephone message.

An online petition seeks to remove Whaling and Taylor. The nonprofit development group provides services to elderly and low-income residents in Clay County. It is funded through state and federal grants and local fees.

It is not affiliated with the town of Clay, which is about 50 miles east of Charleston.

Owens Brown, director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's West Virginia chapter, is among those calling for the removal of both women.

"I feel so it's unfortunate that people still have these racist undertones," Brown said. "Unfortunately, this is a reality that we are dealing with in America today. There's no place for these types of attitudes in our state."

African-Americans make up about 4 percent of West Virginia's 1.8 million residents, according to the U.S. Census.

WASHINGTON (AP)—Forthat John Bolton, a former mer New York Mayor Rudy U.S. ambassador to the United Giuliani has emerged as the Nations, remained in contenfavorite to serve as secretary tion for the job.

> Giuliani, 72, would be an out-of-box choice to lead the State Department. A former mayor, federal prosecutor and top Trump adviser, he lacks extensive foreign policy experience. Known for his hardline law-and-order views and brusque manner, he would set a very different tone than previous holders of the job, including Trump's ex-rival Hillary Clinton, Colin Powell and Condoleezza Rice.

Bolton has years of federal government experience, but he has also raised eyebrows with some of his hawkish stances, including a 2015 op-ed in The New York Times in which he advocated bombing Iran to halt the country's development of nuclear weapons.

A spokeswoman for Giuliani did not immediately respond to a request for comment about his interest in the job. But the former mayor said Monday night at a gathering of CEOs sponsored by the Wall Street Journal that he "won't be attorney general"

in Trump's administration—a job for which he'd long been seen as a top contender.

Asked about the secretary of state speculation, Trump said that Bolton "would be a very good choice." But asked if there was anyone better, he replied with a mischievous smile: "Maybe me, I don't know."

Trump was also considering Monday whether to inject new diversity into the GOP by recommending a woman to lead the Republican Party and an openly gay man to represent the United States at the United Nations.

### Obama, Clinton tell Democrats not to despair

Giuliani emerges as favorite for Trump's secretary of state

Democratic leaders delivered pep talks to demoralized supporters on Monday, promising to reassess their strategy, message and organization in the wake of last week's devastating defeat.

"You're allowed to mope for a week and half maybe two," President Barack Obama told Democratic National Committee members on a conference call. "But after that we've got to brush ourselves off and get to work."

**WASHINGTON** (AP)— The party has entered a trying to postpone leadership this week period of soul-searching, as Democrats try to chart their direction in the Donald Trump era. An ascendant liberal wing is pushing for a serious shift toward an economic populist message that could win back white working-class voters who backed Trump.

> Party activists, donors and politicians are also advocating for significant changes in leadership, with a group of younger House members

elections in an effort to force a discussion about the direction of the party.

'There's a general feeling that the Democratic Party itself needs some serious reform and has grown very distant from the kind of communities it represents," said Gara LaMarche, president of the Democracy Alliance, a group of wealthy Democratic donors who gathered in Washington for a three-day strategy session

The DNC, the last bastion of party power in Washington, is emerging as another battleground.

Minnesota Rep. Keith Ellison announced his candidacy to be chairman of the organization on Monday afternoon, joining a crowded field of candidates that includes former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean, who was party chairman during the administration of then-President George W. Bush.

### 'We're not going anywhere': Millennials march against Trump

LOS ANGELES (AP)— High school students left class by the thousands Monday, carrying their signs and their chanting voices into the streets of several U.S. cities six days after Donald Trump's election.

They walked out in California, Colorado, Maryland and other states, many declaring concerns over the presidentelect's comments about minorities and the effect he will have on their communities.

Some of Trump's supporters have called for the demonstrations to stop, including former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani, who dismissed the protesters as "spoiled crybabies."

Trump has accused some of being "professional protesters," although he said in a "60 Minutes" interview broadcast Sunday that he also believes some are afraid for the country's future "because they don't know me."

Here's a look at some of Monday's protests:

#### **LOS ANGELES**

More than a thousand students from several schools on Los Angeles' heavily Hispanic east side marched out of classes.

The demonstrations began at Garfield High School, the subject of the 1988 film "Stand and Deliver" focusing on teacher Jaime Escalante's successful college-level math programs.

Students with signs and slogans headed to nearby Mariachi Plaza. They were joined by hundreds of students from several schools, many shouting, "Say it loud. Say it clear. Immigration, welcome here."

Some carried signs that read "Deport Trump," while others waved the U.S., Mexican and gay pride flags. Many said they have relatives and friends in the country illegally who they fear will be deported.

Brian Rodriguez, 16, was born in the U.S. to parents from Mexico and Guatemala. He said he was offended by Trump's criticism of Latinos.

"It hurt me inside knowing somebody from outside our race is talking bad about us," said Rodriguez, carrying a sign reading, "Brown and Proud."

Rodriguez said his school's principal opened the gates and told students they could participate.

Nancy Meza, a community organizer who announced the walkout, said she helped students organize after they reached out to her.

"It was really out of frustration of students wanting to voice their opinions," Meza said. "And wanting to feel protected."

#### OAKLAND, **CALIFORNIA**

Hundreds of students from a dozen high schools in Oak-



land skipped classes to demonstrate.

They called on California cities to remain sanctuaries for people in the country illegally, the San Francisco Chronicle reported. San Francisco Mayor Ed Lee vowed Monday to maintain that status.

Administrators hope students will return to class quickly, but they did not ask them to stop protesting, Oakland Unified School District spokesman John Sasaki said. "We support our students' First Amendment rights," he said.

#### **DENVER**

About 200 middle- and highschool students left two Den-

ver charter schools to march to the state Capitol, where they chanted and held up signs saying, "Millennial voice matters" and "Make peace not war."

Police and school officials escorted the students along city streets to ensure their safety.

The protesters called out "Si, se puede"—Spanish for "Yes, we can"—and "The people united will never be divided."

Noelie Quintero, 17, said they represented Latinos, Muslims, women and others marginalized by Trump.

"We're not going anywhere—we're going to continue to stand strong," she said. "Even though we're only 16- and 17-year-olds and we can't vote, our voice matters. What we believe matters, and

#### **PORTLAND, OREGON**

we're not going to stop."

In a city that has seen large and destructive protests, a few hundred students from several schools walked out of class to gather in the rain near City Hall.

The group held signs saying "Students for change" and "Love trumps hate." They marched across a bridge, some of them climbing up it, while officers stopped traffic.

It was peaceful, following smashed windows and other vandalism at recent rallies. Daily demonstrations have led to \$1 million in damage and more than 100 arrests.

A protest organizer says ac-

Protesters hold signs as they march in opposition to the election of President-elect Donald Trump on Sunday, Nov. 13, 2016. in St. Louis.

tivists were contacting counterparts in New York, Boston, Washington, D.C., and other cities in an effort to stop Trump from prevailing on his issues.

"Trump is going to be president, so we need to prepare for that," said Greg McKelvey of the group Portland's Resistance.

McKelvey said they want to ensure local governments fight racial disparities in policing and help address global

#### **SEATTLE**

Thousands of students across Seattle chanted as they marched in the streets and waved "Not My President" or "Love Wins" signs.

Seattle Public Schools spokesman Luke Duecy reported more than 5,000 students from 20 middle and high schools walked out of classes Monday.

Some said they oppose Trump's divisive rhetoric and wanted to show support for those he targeted, such as Muslims or immigrants. Others say they came to support their friends or simply to observe.

High school senior Rose Taylor, who is bisexual, says she worries about what Trump's election will mean for the LGBT community and others.

### FBI: Hate crimes against Muslims up by 67 percent in 2015

ATLANTA (AP)—Reported hate crimes against Muslims rose in 2015 to their highest number since the aftermath of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, according to FBI statistics released Monday.

Overall, the total number of hate crimes against all groups reported by law enforcement agencies to the FBI increased from 5,479 in 2014 to 5,850 last year. That remains far lower than the numbers seen in the early 2000s, but the FBI release comes amid numerous reports of attacks nationwide based on race and religion following last week's presidential election.

The most recent reporting covers calendar year 2015, which included the terror attacks in Paris and San Bernardino, California, as well as Republican Donald Trump's call for a ban on all Muslims entering the U.S. All of those, however, did not occur until the final two months of the year.

It's not yet known whether Trump plans to implement such a ban now that he has won the presidency. Critics

say his pledge has contributed to anti-Muslim sentiment.

"We've seen how words from public figures like Donald Trump translate into violence," said Mark Potok with the Southern Poverty Law Center, which tracks hate groups in the U.S.

Last year, there were 257 reported incidents of anti-Muslim bias compared to 154 the year before, a 67 percent increase. The number of reported hate crimes against Muslims peaked at 481 in 2001.

Ibrahim Hooper, spokes-

man for the Council on American-Islamic Relations, said he was not surprised to see the large increase in 2015 and said he expects the trend to continue.

"We saw a spike in anti-Muslim incidents nationwide beginning toward the end of 2015. That spike has continued until today and even accelerated after the election of President-elect Trump," Hooper said.

There have been reports of racist and anti-religious incidents around the country since the Nov. 8 election.

### Woman arrested in New York in death of twin in cliff crash

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP)—A woman accused of killing her twin sister by driving their vehicle off a Hawaii cliff in May was being held Monday in a New York jail after being charged with murder for the second time in the case, authorities said.

New York State Police announced over the weekend that Alexandria Duval, 38, was arrested Friday after she was tracked down at an Albany home.

Police say Duval tried to flee when they spotted her outside the residence, but she was soon caught.

The arrest came after a warrant was issued for Duval's arrest when a grand jury in Hawaii indicted her on a second-degree murder charge last month.

Maui Prosecuting Attorney John Kim said he could not comment on the case because the indictment was sealed.

Late Monday, a Hawaii court made the indictment public, but Kim could not immediately be reached for comment. The indictment was filed on Oct. 31, but it was only released Monday after New York state police arrested Alexandria Duval on Friday.

Authorities on Maui said Alexandria was driving a Ford Explorer on Hana Highway on May 29 with her sister Anastasia Duval in the passenger seat when the SUV crashed into a rock wall and plunged about 200 feet onto a rocky shoreline during what authorities described as a hair-pulling fight over the steering wheel.

Anastasia Duval was killed, and Alexandria was injured. Alexandria was arrested and jailed then on a second-degree murder charge, accused of deliberately causing her sister's death.

A judge later ordered the release of Alexandria after determining there was no probable cause for a murder charge.

She was later indicted on the charge.

In August, Duval was arrested in upstate New York on a drunken driving charge after authorities say she nearly struck a vehicle driven by a state police investigator. She was released about three weeks later.

### Beyond China: US colleges look afield for foreign students

BOSTON (AP)—As a surge released federal data show-digit growth." of students from China begins to level off, many U.S. colleges are expanding recruiting efforts in the Middle East, South Asia and Latin America in part to boost budgets that have come to rely on tuition dollars from international students.

The number of Chinese students at U.S. colleges rose from 62,000 a decade ago to 328,000 last year, and they still make up 31 percent of all international students in the U.S., but growth is slowing. On Monday, the Institute of International Education

ing that the number of Chinese students at U.S. colleges grew by 8 percent last year, the smallest uptick since 2005.

Some schools are bracing for a decline, citing China's sluggish economy and sharper competition from colleges in Australia and other countries.

"For a variety of factors, we're seeing a slowdown in Chinese enrollment," said Todd Maurer, a California analyst who advises schools and education companies on trends in Asia. "I think we're seeing the last years of double-

Colleges seek international students partly to boost diversity, but they also bring a financial perk. Most schools don't offer scholarships for international students, and charge them full tuition costs. Losing foreign students could hurt college budgets, especially at a time when some public universities are struggling with longterm drops in state funding.

Stephen Dunnett, vice provost for international education at the University at Buffalo, said many colleges worry they depend too heavily on revenue

from Chinese students.

"They would be severely hurt if there was a contraction." he said. "There's no Plan B. There's no other country that would send students in those numbers."

Buffalo is among many universities that have expanded global recruiting efforts in part to hedge against a possible decline from China. Along with continued work in China, Dunnett's office has turned its attention to growing countries such as Vietnam and Burma. Next year, the college plans to recruit in Iran for the first time.

### Asia

### New Zealand begins rescue of tourists stranded by earthquake

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP)—New Zealand on Tuesday began a rescue operation involving hundreds of tourists and residents who remain stranded in the coastal town of Kaikoura after a powerful earthquake cut off train and vehicle access.

The defense force said it had started ferrying people out by military helicopter and that a navy ship from Auckland was due to arrive in the area Wednesday morning.

The magnitude 7.8 quake that struck the South Island early Monday left two people dead and triggered a small tsunami. It also brought down rocks and mud that swept across highways and cracked apart roads.

Home to about 2,000 residents, Kaikoura is a popular destination for travelers taking part in whale-watching expeditions or wanting a stopover with mountain views. But the quake knocked out water supplies and sewer systems and left people with no easy way out.

"From all directions, Kaikoura has essentially been isolated," Air Commodore Darryn Webb, acting commander of New Zealand's Joint Forc-



Stranded tourists gather at a park in Kaikoura following an earthquake in New Zealand, Monday, Nov. 14, 2016.

es, told The Associated Press. "There's a real imperative to support the town because it can't support itself."

Webb said the military was using four NH90 helicopters that could each transport about 18 people at a time out of the town. He said the ship could pick up hundreds of people if weather conditions allowed.

"We're going to get as many people and belongings out as quickly as we can," Webb said.

He said the operation could take several days and that if needed, a C-130 military transport plane could drop fuel, water, food and other supplies to the town. He said about five metric tons of supplies were ready to be delivered from Christchurch.

Sarah Stuart-Black, director of the Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management, said the priority was with health issues or international flights booked. She said 34 people had been airlifted out by noon Tuesday. She said the community was

transporting out those people

rallying to help the tourists.

"It's fantastic that some of the locals in Kaikoura have taken in tourists into their own homes," she said.

Elsewhere, many people returned to work in the capital, Wellington, after the quake shut down much of the central city on Monday.

7.8 magnitude earthquake kills 2, isolates tourists in coastal town Auckland Wellington Kaikoura Christchurch Pacific **NEW ZEALAND** Source: AP Graphic: Tribune News Service

But some buildings remained closed and heavy rain and flooding compounded the difficulties for others.

And strong aftershocks continued to shake New Zealand, rattling the nerves of exhausted residents.

Police said one person died in Kaikoura and another in Mt. Lyford, a nearby ski resort. Several other people suffered minor injuries in Kaikoura, police spokeswoman Rachel Purdom said.

Prime Minister John Key flew over Kaikoura by helicopter Monday as aftershocks kicked up dust from the landslides below. Cars could be seen lying on their sides and parts of the road were clearly impassable.

"It's just utter devastation," Key said.

### Myanmar says 34 people killed after they attacked troops

YANGON, Myanmar (AP)—Myanmar's government said Monday that 34 people were killed after they attacked government troops in Rakhine state over the weekend, but residents of the villages belonging to the Muslim Rohingya minority said the victims they saw were un-

armed civilians. The government has been conducting counterinsurgency operations since nine police were killed in attacks last month on guard posts along the border with Bangladesh generally blamed on Muslim insurgents. Tensions have been high in Rakhine since fighting in 2012 between Buddhists and Rohingya Muslims. The government said in a

statement that 28 people described as violent attackers were killed Sunday in Maungdaw district. An earlier statement said six attackers died on Saturday, in addition to two government soldiers. The attackers weren't identified, but the army has aligned with Rakhine Buddhists against the Rohingya.

A Rohingya from Kyein Chaung village contacted by phone said he saw a police truck taking at least six bodies from the village on Sunday.

Other villagers, also speaking on condition of anonymity because they feared for their safety, said the people whose bodies they saw were completely unarmed.

Nay San Lwin, a blogger based in Europe who has closely monitored Rohingya developments since 2012, said some villagers possess weapons such as swords and knives, but it was unclear whether they were used against the soldiers.

"Since the violence last month, villagers have been accused of burning their own houses. Villagers are hiding in the forest. No one dares to live in their own house because of the arrests and killing," said a teacher from Kyein Chaung village, who insisted he not be named.

Human rights groups accuse

the army of abuses against the Rohingya minority, including killings, rapes and burning of homes. More than 100,000 Rohingya are still living in squalid camps for the internally displaced after being driven from their homes in 2012. Although Rohingya have lived in Myanmar for generations, they are widely regarded as illegal immigrants from Bangladesh, and the government denies citizenship to most.

A local police officer refused to answer any questions related to the situation, saying he was not allowed to say anything. The Rakhine state government also refused to

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#### China executes farmer who killed official with nail gun

BEIJING (AP)—A Chinese farmer who murdered a local official with a modified nail gun after his house was torn down was executed Tuesday, in a case that had prompted a rare debate about government abuse of power. Jia Jinglong was put to death in the northern city of Shijiazhuang after a final visit with family members, the official Xinhua News Agency said. That followed the high court's rejection of his final appeal last month. The February 2015 murder had garnered sympathy among some Chinese angry with haughty officialdom, and two state-run newspapers published calls for Jia to be spared. The China Daily editorialized that "Jia would probably not have acted as he did if his loss had been properly taken care of."

#### Malaysian opposition lawmaker jailed for exposing 1MDB audit

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP)-A prominent Malaysian opposition lawmaker with a reputation as a whistleblower was sentenced to 18 months in jail on Monday for releasing one page of a classified document on a controversial state investment fund. A Malaysian rights group called the sentence a "dangerous chill on free speech" that could lead to a more repressive and unaccountable government. Rafizi Ramli, vice president of the People's Justice Party, was found guilty by the court of violating the Official Secrets Act by possessing and disclosing content of a government audit report on the indebted 1MDB fund, founded by Prime Minister Najib Razak, Rafizi, who often makes allegations on alleged government wrongdoing, said he would appeal. He risks being disqualified from running in the next general election, due in 2018.

### Organic farms help Thailand welcome cranes lost for 50 years

(AP)—A fuzzy-headed baby sarus crane hatched on a rural farm this fall offers a glimmer of hope for wildlife conservationists, organic farming advocates and a nation grieving after the death of their beloved king. That's because this chubby chick named Rice is the first of its auspicious species to sur-

The tallest flying birds in the world, 70 incubatorhatched, hand-fed sarus cranes have been raised and released

in Thailand in 50 years.

vive after hatching in the wild

**Thailand** over the past five years in untouched around nests. Thailand's farm-rich northeast province of Buriram, whooping their startling two-toned song at dawn.

"The older generations told us about these cranes, they said they bring luck, but when I actually saw one in my field I was so excited," village leader Thongpoon Unjit said.

He and dozens of other farmers stopped using pesticides and parked their noisy tractors to help the birds survive. They hand-harvest for acres and leave large swaths

Already the birds have brought good fortune: The farmers' organic rice sells for a premium at Bangkok supermarkets.

Forty-two of the cranes released in the wild have survived so far, and eight are living in monogamous pairs. But until now none have managed to successfully reproduce. Rice, now about a month old, likely pecked its little sibling to death, but that's to be expected, say the experts.

"It's been really fun to watch this family," said visiting ornithologist George Archibald, spying on the yellow-brown hatchling and its magenta-topped parents through a spotting scope. "I've been really touched by the intimacy of the parents to their juvenile. They're just continually watching that chick."

Archibald, co-founder of the International Crane Foundation, has advised Thai animal scientists throughout their efforts to reintroduce sarus cranes, 6-foot-tall birds listed as vulnerable globally and extinct in Thailand.

## World

### Ouster of extremists from Iraqi town leaves bitter divisions

QAYARA, Iraq (AP)—On the main shopping street of the town of Qayara, murals put up by the Islamic State group that told people how to dress and behave have been hastily painted over. New signs touting nationalism and unity now line a main highway since Iraqi forces drove the extremists from the Tigris River Valley town in August.

Deeper inside Qayara, however, fresh graffiti has appeared on some streets, revealing bitterness, anger and lasting fissures among the population.

"Blood for blood," reads the Arabic script spray-painted outside a destroyed home on the town's northern edge. Neighbors said the house belonged to a man who joined IS when the group first rose to power in 2014. Slang and obscenities against the owner also are written on a partially destroyed garden wall.

When Qayara was retaken by Iraqi security forces, it was hailed as an early triumph over the extremists as the country prepared for the long-awaited offensive to liberate the second-largest city Mosul that began Oct. 17.

But for some residents, the ouster of IS doesn't feel like victory.

Government services have failed to return. Oil wells set ablaze by the militants continue to burn uncontrollably. Violence persists, with residents carrying out revenge attacks in the wake of the brutal reign by the militants.

Mahmoud Shaker, who lives down the street from the destroyed house, said a group of local tribal fighters and policemen reduced it to rubble a few weeks after IS militants were pushed out of Qayara.

"We know this wasn't done legally, but for us, this is justice," the 25-year-old Shaker said. It was "common knowledge" that the man who lived there was a senior IS leader, he added, although he said he personally never saw the man commit a crime.

"Before the town was retaken, he fled with his family to Mosul," Shaker said.

On the edge of Oayara, Ala Hussein has lived under darkened skies for months. A short distance from her home, several oil wells have been burning uncontrollably since June.

The IS fighters first torched some of the wells as Iraqi forces began the operation to retake Qayara, hoping the thick, black smoke would obscure the town from warplanes



Internally displaced men sit as they wait for their documents to be checked after fleeing fighting between the Iraqi forces and Islamic State, at a checkpoint near Bartella, east of Mosul, Iraq, Monday, Nov. 14, 2016.

of the U.S.-led coalition. In late August, as it became clear they were losing the town, the militants lit the rest of the wells before fleeing north toward Mosul.

Hussein's garden is covered with sticky, black droplets of oil that fall like light rain from the clouds of smoke. One of her fruit trees has died, and another is covered with a plastic tarp to try to save it. Her children's hands and feet are stained black by the pollution.

In the fields around the town, grazing sheep and cows all have turned a dark gray

Firefighters show up every few days, spraying the flames with water and occasionally trucking in sand to try to snuff out the blaze, Hussein said, but it never improves.

"This is not liberation. We haven't yet had the taste of freedom," she said. "Where is our government? We don't have a government."

In central Qayara, doctors at a small clinic that serves as the only working hospital treat patients by the light of mobile phones. Dr. Abdul Salam Ali Ahmed said he can only afford enough fuel to turn on his generators for three hours a day.

When the hospital receives casualties from the ongoing Mosul operation 40 kilometers (25 miles) to the north, those who can't be saved must be buried within hours because there is no refrigeration to preserve the bodies.

A sign in the hospital's front hallway says that newborns cannot be issued birth certificates.

### May: UK must respond to world transformed by Brexit, Trump

**LONDON** (AP)—Britain's vote to leave the European Union and the election of Donald Trump have transformed the world in a year, Prime Minister Theresa May said Monday, in a speech arguing that governments must heed people's concerns about the impact of globalization on jobs and communities.

In a major foreign policy speech at the annual Lord Mayor's Banquet in London, May said "change is in the air" and "it's the job of politicians

She said Britain would champion free trade while managing "the forces of globalization so that they work

The speech, to an audience of business leaders in London's financial district, comes as the British government tries to build bridges with a U.S. president-elect whose victory has surprised—and even alarmed—many European politicians.

British Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson said Monday that it's "very important not to prejudge the president-elect

or his administration." And May's spokeswoman, Helen Bower, said Downing Street wants "an effective, strong working relationship" with the incoming U.S. president.

May and Trump spoke by phone on Thursday, the day after Trump's victory was announced. But the call has been overshadowed in Britain by Trump's meeting Saturday with U.K. Independence Party leader Nigel Farage, a key player in the U.K.'s decision to leave the European Union.

UKIP issued a gleeful press release accompanied by a picture of the two men, beaming side-by-side in front of a golden elevator at Trump Tower in New York.

May firmly rejected suggestions that she should use Farage—a political foe of her Conservative party—as a gobetween with Trump's team.

Bower said that Trump told May "he looked forward to enjoying the same close relationship that (Ronald) Reagan and (Margaret) Thatcher did."

"I don't remember there being a third person in that relationship," Bower noted.

### ICC prosecutors: US forces may have committed war crimes

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP)-U.S. armed forces and the CIA may have committed war crimes by torturing detainees in Afghanistan, the International Criminal Court's chief prosecutor said in a report Monday, raising the possibility that American citizens could be indicted even though Washington has not joined the global court.

"Members of US armed forces appear to have subjected at least 61 detained persons to torture, cruel treatment, outrages upon personal dignity on the territory of Afghanistan between 1 May 2003 and 31 December 2014," according to the report issued by Prosecutor Fatou Bensouda's office.

The report added that CIA operatives may have subjected at least 27 detainees in Afghanistan, Poland, Romania and Lithuania to "torture, cruel treatment, outrages upon personal dignity and/or rape" between December 2002 and March 2008

Most of the alleged abuse happened in 2003-2004, the report said.

Prosecutors said they will decide "imminently" whether to seek authorization to open a full-scale investigation in Afghanistan that could lead to war crimes charges.

State Department spokeswoman Elizabeth Trudeau said the U.S. does not believe an ICC investigation is "warranted or appropriate."

"The United States is deeply committed to complying with the law of war, and we have a robust national system of investigation and accountability that more than meets international standards," Trudeau said.

A Pentagon spokesman, Navy Capt. Jeff Davis, said officials were awaiting more details about the ICC findings before commenting.

Established in 2002, the International Criminal Court is the world's first permanent court set up to prosecute war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide. More than 120 countries around the world are members, but super-

powers including the United States. Russia and China have not signed up.

Former U.S. President Bill Clinton signed the Rome treaty that established the court on Dec. 31, 2000, but President George W. Bush renounced the signature, citing fears that Americans would be unfairly prosecuted for political reasons.

Even though the United States is not a member of the court, Americans could still face prosecution at its headquarters in The Hague if they commit crimes within its jurisdiction in a country that is a member, such as Afghanistan, and are not prosecuted at home.

### Poland exhumes president, wife killed in 2010 plane crash

WARSAW, Poland (AP)— The bodies of former Polish President Lech Kaczynski and from their tomb in Krakow, the first of more than 80 exhumations planned on prominent Poles killed in a plane crash in Russia in 2010.

The exhumations that began late Monday are part of a new investigation into the crash ordered by Poland's conservative ruling party, Law and Justice, which is led by Jaroslaw Kaczynski, the late president's twin brother. Post-mortems will be carried out to determine the cause of the deaths and of the crash, identify all

the remains and check for explosives, since some of Kaczynski's followers believe that Tusk, his nemesis, to court his wife have been removed a planned blast downed the and is seeking evidence aircraft, killing all 96 aboard.

Kaczynski has cast doubt on earlier investigations—carried out by both Poland and Russia—which concluded that the crash was an accident caused primarily by pilot error on approach to landing in dense fog. Kaczynski has for years encouraged a conspiracy theory suggesting Russia carried out an assassination with the support, or at least the consent, of the Polish prime minister at the time—Donald Tusk, now the president of the European Council.

Kaczynski wants to take against him.

"There will not be a free Poland, a truly free Poland, without the truth, without a proper honoring of those who died, without a closure of this case which has cast such a long shadow on our national and social life," Kaczynski said last Thursday.

According to the PAP news agency, the bodies of Kaczynski and his wife, Maria Kaczynska, were removed from their alabaster tomb at the Wawel Cathedral in Kra-

kow, the resting place of many of Poland's kings and writers. Jaroslaw Kaczynski, the presidential couple's daughter, Marta Kaczynska, and experts were seen arriving at the site to attend the exhumation. Priests were to say prayers during the procedure. The media had no access to the site.

Shortly before 1 a.m. Tuesday, hearses were seen leaving the Wawel Cathedral area, PAP said. The remains were to be taken to a forensics laboratory at Krakow's renowned Jagiellonian University for a series of tests, including computer tomography and DNA tests.

### Focus

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(AP)—After years of stamping out soda tax proposals with well-financed campaigns, Big Soda is suddenly finding itself up against bigger adversaries.

Voters and lawmakers in five municipalities such as San Francisco and the county that includes Chicago approved special taxes on sugary drinks last week, with advocates saying the victories point to a change in public attitudes and the beginnings of a movement. What's also changed, though, is that they're now backed by billionaire Michael Bloomberg, who as mayor of New York lost a bruising fight to limit the size of sugary drinks.

The soda industry dismisses the notion that the measures amount to a movement, and says the proposals are being pushed in places more likely to pass them.

"It's sort of a pesky thing that comes up now and then," Susan Neely, president of the American Beverage Association that represents Coke, Pepsi and others, said before the election.

Seven U.S. cities now have special, per-ounce taxes on sugary drinks. All were approved in the past two years, and got backing from Bloomberg Philanthropies, as well as from Laura and John Arnold, the latter of whom ran a hedge fund.

Others that passed last week were in Oakland and Albany, California, and Boulder, Colorado. They follow Berkeley, California, in 2014, and Philadelphia this summer. Bloomberg Philanthropies said it will help others that come forward.

The long-term effects of such taxes still aren't clear, with studies of recently enacted measures still in progress—some of them funded by \$10.5 million Bloomberg dedicated to such research.

Even if taxes of 1 or 2 cents per ounce hike prices about 10 percent and don't affect how much soda people drink, the industry fears the stigma of being singled out and the potential for the taxes to be increased.

Already, soda consumption has been declining, though other sweetened drinks such as sports beverages and bottled teas have grown, and obesity rates keep climbing.

Still, some the see taxes as a way to curb at least one bad



# Billionaires

In this Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2016, file photo, soft drink and soda bottles are displayed in a refrigerator at El Ahorro market in San Francisco.

# put pop in advocates' push for soda taxes

habit, pointing to cigarette taxes that helped cut smoking rates.

#### 'BIG SODA IS TELLING BIG LIES'

Bloomberg says his philanthropic organization is not orchestrating a national push to tax sodas, but providing help when local organizers reach out.

"These are things that we did not start," he told The Associated Press. "They are bottom-up, grass-roots campaigns."

Still, his deep pockets are putting advocates on a more even footing. In Oakland and San Francisco, soda tax supporters had at least \$22 million in campaign contributions this year, largely from Bloomberg and the Arnolds. Tax opponents had \$30 million, reflecting the beverage industry's determination to kill the measure.

Howard Wolfson, a Bloomberg adviser, also provides expertise to tax proponents, including feedback on campaign materials. In San Francisco this fall, TV ads featured the city's mayor saying the tax would help the "smallest San Franciscans," followed by the faces of smiling children.



In this Wednesday, July 27, 2016, file photo, former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg speaks during the third day of the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia.

"Big Soda is telling big lies," a doctor says in one ad.

Even failed measures like New York's serve a purpose, Bloomberg said. "The whole idea was to get a message out," he said. "If It just went through, it wouldn't have been a big deal."

Wolfson said other cities will want to replicate the successful efforts to raise revenue, improve public health, or both. Healthy Food America, which is funded by the Arnolds, said 20 other cities and states expressed interest in such taxes in recent months. The group gives advice on how to structure measures so they'll pass, and the type of opposition to expect.

"The industry is pretty predictable," said Jim Krieger, who heads Healthy Food America.

A hallmark of the industry's playbook, for instance, is calling the measures "grocery taxes" since they're levied on distributors, who could pass the costs onto any items.

Less apparent are the industry's behind-the-scenes efforts.

### 'LOW RISK, YET WORRYING'

When France was considering

raising a soda tax last year, Coke activated its "Sparkle" plan to shut down the threat. The strategy, named for what Coke calls its "sparkling" sodas, involved a "coordinated plan of action" with local food and drink trade groups and lobbying key contacts in the agriculture and economy ministries to "maintain opposition."

"We believe we have all it takes to avoid this yet again," a Coke executive wrote in a hacked email posted by DC Leaks. "It is however a worrying confirmation that there is relentless pressure on our category."

The proposal failed, but the email, tagged "LOW RISK, YET WORRYING," was prescient. Another internal Coca-Cola document in Europe last year flagged such taxes as very likely to affect its business, and said the company should "FIGHT BACK."

Other emails illustrate influence at high levels of government.

When Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton expressed support for Philadelphia's beverage tax, an executive from Coca-Cola - which gave between \$5 million to \$10 million to the Clinton Foundation - vented to a consultant for the company, who had worked for Clinton at the State Department.

"Really??? After all we have done. I hope this has been falsely reported," the executive wrote in an email first reported by The Daily Caller. Despite its efforts to get Clinton to "walk back" her comments, Coca-Cola noted that she did not.

In Boulder, the industry channeled U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders to defeat the soda tax.

"Bernie Sanders is against it. That's what they told us to push," a canvasser for the anti-tax campaign told the health advocacy group Ninjas for Health, according to a recording provided by its leader, Kyle Pfister.

But increasingly, such strategies are butting up against better-organized advocates.

In the meantime, Coke and Pepsi say they're working to steer people toward lower-calorie drinks through marketing and reformulation, which they say is more effective than taxation. Coca-Cola spokesman Matt Echols said the taxes hurt such efforts, and approving them allows lawmakers to then push them "higher and higher."

That's the case in Mexico, which is already considering doubling the 1-peso per liter tax. The measure, enacted in 2014, was backed by Bloomberg.

# Good Housekeeping

# Goldenrods are 'highly desirable in the fall garden'

DAILY PRESS (NEWPORT NEWS, VA.)

Goldenrods are butterfly magnets, and their tiny flowers host many other insects as well, according to native plant expert Helen Hamilton.

"In late summer, any spray of goldenrod will be covered with several species of butterflies, wasps, bees, beetles, all busily sucking the nectar from the closely spaced flowers," says Hamilton, past president of the John Clayton Chapter, Virginia Native Plant Society, and retired biology teacher living in Williamsburg, Va. Learn more about the native plant society and chapter at www. vnps.org and www.vnps.org/ johnclayton.

There are a lot of goldenrod species in Virginia, many widespread and some with restricted distributions, Hamilton continues. They may have flowers in plumes or in branching, club-like, slender and wand-like, or flat-topped arrangements, depending on the species.

Although goldenrods are commonly blamed for hay fever, the discomfort is usually caused by the pollen from ragweed (Ambrosia spp.) which is wind-borne.

"The pollen of goldenrods is carried by insects as it is too heavy to be airborne under ordinary circumstances," says Hamilton.

Blooming profusely in late autumn, Tall Goldenrod (Solidago altissima) features tall golden-yellow plumes; small yellow flowers are arranged along the upper side of branches, forming a feathery,

pyramidal plume. The plant can grow over six feet tall and self-seeds prolifically. Tall Goldenrod thrives along roadsides, open woods and other dry open places. The vigorous perennial is found across the United States and most of Canada, and in nearly every county in Virginia. Tall Goldenrods grow in any soil - dry to moist, and special bee species pollinate the blooms.

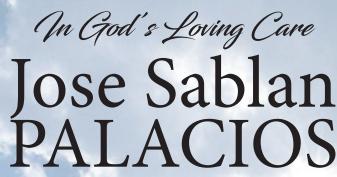
In Virginia, Seaside Goldenrod (Solidago sempervirens) is the only one with thick fleshy leaves that have smooth toothless edges. A spray of bright yellow flower heads are in curved, one-sided clusters, forming a large mass of blossoms at the ends of six-foot-tall stems. It's a plant that loves marshes and sandy soil near the sea, growing at the edge of salt or brackish marshes, on small dunes and in meadows. In addition to Virginia's Coastal Plain, Seaside Goldenrod is found in salty places along the coast from the Gulf of St. Lawrence to tropical America. The plant has spread inland locally, especially along highways that are salted in winter, reportedly even as far west as Michigan, according to Hamilton.

White Goldenrod (Solidago bicolor), often called Silverrod, has white flowers, not yellow but there may be a yellowish tint from the pollen on the white flowers. Growing one to three feet tall, the flowers are clustered on very short branches, giving a wand-like appearance. White Goldenrod is seen in every county in Virginia, and ranges from Nova Scotia, west to Wisconsin and

ana, adds Hamilton

Slender Goldenrod (Euthamia caroliniana) and Flat-top Goldenrod (Euthamia graminifolia) were formerly in the genus Solidago. These goldenrods have dense flower clusters growing on the tips of branches, to form a flat-topped spray.





Lovingly known as George May 18, 1949 - November 3, 2016

In his new life, he now joins his:

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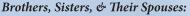
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Jay R. Palacios & Ryan Bruyninckx

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He is also survived by numerous uncles, aunts, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Daily Mass of intention is celebrated at Our Lady Of Mount Carmel Cathedral for the repose of his soul at 6:00am. Recitation of the holy rosary is prayed nightly at Our Lady Of Mount Carmel Cathedral at 7:00pm.

Funeral service will be held on Saturday, November 19, 2016. His remains will be escorted from the Borja Funeral Home to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cathedral at 7:30 am. Responso services and holy rosary will take place upon arrival. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 am followed by interment services at the Chalan Kanoa cemetery.

> Please join us in prayers Thank You - Si Yu'us Ma'ase Lydia Reyes Palacios, Children, & Family



# Life & Style

# Editor: Breitbart plans to be 'best place for news on Trump'

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Following the installation of Breitbart's chief executive to a top job in President-elect Donald Trump's administration, the news organization in its infancy when Barack Obama took office has big expansion plans and the goal of being the best source of news on the new administration.

That scares its critics, which consider Breitbart News the home of cheerleaders rather than journalists—and often offensive ones at that.

Despite the opponents, Breitbart is unquestionably on a high following the surprise election of Trump, whose candidacy the web site unceasingly backed both before and after its leader, Stephen K. Bannon, was brought in to run the general election campaign. Trump on Sunday named Bannon chief strategist and senior counselor for his administration.

Breitbart is planning a move into more spacious Washington offices, looking to add reporters in Germany, France, the Middle East and Asia, wants to add coverage of the media and technology to its conservative-framed news and hopes to produce

more video, said Alexander Marlow, the site's editor in chief, on Monday. Its own cable network is a dream, but unlikely now, he said.

"We're going to be the best place for news on the Trump White House," Marlow said. "That is my intention and I have no reason to think that's not a fully attainable goal. I think a lot of the mainstream media already consider that the expectation and they're none too happy about it, which of course is a delight to me."

ComScore reported that Breitbart had 19.2 million unique visitors to its site in October, the most ever for the service founded in 2007 by Andrew Breitbart, a Los Angeles man intent on offering a conservative view on politics and the media. Breitbart died of heart failure in 2012 at age 43, opening the door for Bannon's rise as top executive.

The site adopted Trump as a champion as his campaign took off. There were objections from those who considered Trump not conservative enough, and Breitbart lost staff members last spring when it failed to back its own reporter after she was roughed up by then-Trump campaign chief Bannon, friend of the Jewish



In this Friday, Nov. 11, 2016, file photo, Stephen Bannon, campaign CEO for President-elect Donald Trump, leaves Trump Tower in New York.

Corey Lewandowski.

Among the site's headlines Monday: House minority leader Nancy Pelosi "continues to lead Democrats to glorious defeat"; "Anti-democracy crybabies march by thousands nationwide"; and "Dow Jones had best week since 2011 due to Trump win." A column on Trump's new appointment was headlined: "Stephen K. people, defender of Israel."

"Breitbart will continue to be what it has been during the campaign—it was just a propaganda arm for Donald Trump," said Kurt Bardella, a public relations consultant who dropped Breitbart as a client this spring following the incident with reporter Michelle Fields and Lewandowski. "This is as close as we're ever going to be to having a

state-sponsored media entity that will effectively be operating out of the West Wing."

Bardella said he believed Breitbart was on a path to being a more serious news organization before embracing Trump.

Ben Shapiro, a former Bre-

itbart editor who also left following last spring and is now editor of the Daily Wire site. said he can't imagine Bannon not continuing to have input on what Breitbart publishes.

"The site will continue to be popular, although they could run into trouble if Trump decides to move away from the populist right and they're stuck shilling for him," Shap-

Bannon has been on a leave of absence from Breitbart since he began running the Trump campaign, and Breitbart said he will take steps to leave the company in accord with government rules when he takes the White House job. Marlow said Bannon has had no formal communications with the company, although he said he talked to him Wednesday. "He gave me a couple of war stories and I gave him a big hug," he said.

Marlow said Breitbart wouldn't be afraid to criticize Trump if he strays from the populist message that got him

### Federal porn trial begins for German illusionist in Vegas

LAS VEGAS (AP)—An attorney for an illusionist who was once a headliner on the Las Vegas Strip complained Monday that a prosecutor misstated facts when she told a judge that the defendant knew child pornography had been downloaded to computers at his home.

Jan Rouven Fuechtener's lawyers maintain that he's not responsible for thousands of videos and images the government says he collected, including some recordings depicting sex acts with kindergarten-age children.

Chief U.S. District Court Judge Gloria Navarro let prosecutor Elham Roohani proceed with her opening statement in a trial that has the 39-year-old Fuechtener possibly facing up to 90 years in prison and \$1 million in fines on federal child pornography charges.

Testimony is expected to take several days.

Fuechtener has chosen to have the case heard by the judge in Las Vegas, not a jury. His defense attorneys—Jess Marchese, Ben Durham and Michael Sanft—postponed their opening statement until the government finishes pre-



This March 17, 2007, file photo, magician Jan Rouven presents the Floating Virgin during the dress rehearsal of a German TV show in Riesa, eastern Germany.

senting its case.

said Fuechtener will likely testify, perhaps Wednesday, and his client "is looking to a positive resolution to this case."

"We believe someone else accessed his account," Marchese said of the computer files.

Fuechtener is a German citizen who performed as Jan Rouven. His show, "The New Illusions" at the Tropicana hotel-casino, closed following his arrest March 16.

He has pleaded not guilty to four felony charges—possession, receipt, distribution and advertising of child por-

nography. He has remained in Outside court, Marchese federal custody awaiting trial, which was postponed several

> Roohani told the judge Monday there was "no real dispute" that Fuechtener possessed about 9,000 videos that investigators reported finding in password-protected files on nine computer devices seized from various locations around the home Fuechtener shared with his husband, Frank Dietmar Alfter.

> Alfter, who authorities say has returned to Germany, was named in a court document as an unindicted co-conspirator

in the case.

Prosecutors want the judge to consider recordings of jail telephone calls in which the two men are accused of conspiring to delete evidence from the computers.

Fuechtener was identified in August 2014 by an undercover investigator in Buffalo, New York, as a collector of internet pornographic material who used internet, Skype and email names including "Lars45," "LarsUSA22" and Lars Schmidt, according to court documents.

Dennis Carry, a Washoe County sheriff's sergeant in Reno and a member of a multi-agency internet crimes against children task force, testified Monday as an expert in peer-to-peer file-sharing. Carry wasn't directly involved in the Fuechtener investigation. He described how users acquire and trade files.

The FBI agent in the case, Mari Panovich, said in a criminal complaint Alfter told her that Fuechtener was the only one in their house who knew the passwords to the computers on which porn was found.

Panovich is also expected

### School district pays 11-yearold \$6,500 for keynote speech POUGHKEEPSIE, New Jersey, created the popu-

(AP)—A New York school district paid an 11-year-old child advocate \$6,500 plus expenses for serving as keynote speaker for staff and hosting a student workshop last week.

The Poughkeepsie Journal reports the Poughkeepsie City School District hired Marley Dias to speak during the superintendent's conference day last Tuesday.

The board voted 3-1 to retroactively approve Dias' consultant agreement at its Nov. 9

The girl from West Orange,

#1000BlackGirlBooks campaign to draw attention to the lack of racial diversity in children's literature.

She gave an hour-long speech to staff before leading an hour and a half-long workshop for 50 students.

Superintendent Nicole Williams said at Wednesday's meeting that Dias' resume is "tremendous" and the district shouldn't discriminate because she's 11 years old.

Dias was paid through funding from a federal education program.

### Brad Pitt back in China after reported ban over Tibet film

**SHANGHAI** (AP)—Brad the Himalayan region. Pitt made his first promotional appearance for a movie in China since reportedly being banned over a film about Tibet almost 20 years ago.

He spent 40 minutes giving autographs to Chinese fans on Monday and 20 minutes at a tightly controlled media event promoting his latest movie.

The Chinese government reportedly didn't like his 1997 film, "Seven Years in Tibet," about an Austrian explorer's relationship with a young Dalai Lama, because of its portrayal of harsh Chinese rule in

Reporters were not allowed to ask questions at the event in Shanghai held to publicize the World War II romantic thriller "Allied." Interest is high in his recent split from Angelina Jolie Pitt.

Instead, a host asked a string of questions about "Allied."

Pitt did visit China two years ago to accompany his then-partner, who was on a publicity tour, but kept a very low profile.

"Allied" debuts on Nov. 23 in China, the U.S. and some European and Asian countries.

# Edvard Munch painting fetches \$54M at Sotheby's sale in NYC

**NEW YORK** (AP)—A work by Norwegian artist Edvard Munch fetched over \$54 million at Sotheby's auction of impressionist and modern art on Monday.

"Girls on the Bridge," a seminal work from 1902, depicts a cluster of girls huddled on a bridge in a country village. It sold in 1996 for \$7.7 million and again in 2008 for \$30.8 million, each time setting a record for the artist.

In 2012, Munch's work "The Scream," one of the most iconic images in art history, sold for \$119.9 million at Sotheby's. It became the most expensive artwork ever sold at auction, a record that has been

broken four times since.

Pablo Picasso's "Women of Algiers (Version O)" now holds that distinction. It sold last year for \$179.4 million.

Other works at Monday's auction include a large-scale painting by Picasso, "The Painter and His Model," from 1963. The 5-foot-wide painting has descended through the same family since it was acquired in 1968. It garnered \$12.9 million, just edging its low presale estimate of \$12 million.

A 1951 bronze bust by Picasso of his lover and muse Francoise Gilot, "Head of a Woman," fetched \$8.4 million.

An early cubist composition

by Mexican artist Diego Rivera, "Untitled (Cubist Composition)," from 1916 sold for just over \$900,000.

The sale also had two abstract works by Laszlo Maholy-Nagy that recently appeared in a retrospective of his work at the Guggenheim Museum in New York. The 1923 work, "EM 1 Telephonbild," sold for \$6 million, topping its high presale estimate of \$4 million.

In this Nov. 4, 2016, file pho-



### Now you can visit the Rolling Stones' 1962 apartment

**NEW YORK** (AP)—When Mick Jagger was coming up with ideas for an exhibition highlighting The Rolling Stones' five-decade long career, he wanted to re-create the mood of the band in its early years.

So, he had a team recreate the first London apartment he and his band mates shared in 1962, complete with dirty dishes, beer bottles and blues records placed throughout the flat.

"That was the weirdest thing really. ... The building is still there—it's not a building that's been knocked down or anything, it's right around the corner from where I actually live now," Jagger said. "It's very redolent of the space ... and it smells like it and feels like it.

"I just remembered how it really was," he added.

"There were a lot of places like that in the early '60s ... you wouldn't want to live there now," Charlie Watts said.

The Stones also re-created

their recording studio, complete with original instruments, for "Exhibitionism-The Rolling Stones," the band's exhibit that debuted at Industria in New York City on Saturday after launching in London earlier this year. It includes colorful tour outfits, Jagger's lyric book, Keith Richards' 1963 diary, Watts' toy drum kit and various photographs, from posters to magazine covers.

"None of it made me cry particularly. Some of it made me laugh," Jagger said of the memorabilia.

The exhibit run in New York through March 12, 2017. Some of the pieces are works by Andy Warhol, Alexander McQueen and John Pasche, who designed the Stones' iconic tongue logo.

"It's like bumping into memories everywhere you look for me," Richards said. "You turn the corner (and say), 'Oh, that's where I left it. Whether it's a guitar or a piece of clothing, everything sort of rings a bell somewhere."

Ronnie Wood, who joined the group in 1975, said he enjoyed seeing the "little motifs" throughout the exhibit, and added that one of his favorite memories was joining the band for his first public performance—on his birthday.

"I had to learn the entire Stones back catalog to get ready to go onstage on June 1, my birthday, for my first public show with them," he said, smiling.

out a few lows but we won't high all the time."

Of his highlights, Richards said, laughing: "I can pick bother with them, but otherwise, it's been pretty much a

The Stones will release a new album of blues cover songs called "Blue & Lonesome" on Dec. 2. When asked what his future goals are for the band, Watts said: "Staying alive I think is the biggest thing at the moment, or getting up in the morning."



### Family: 'Deadliest Catch' star injured in assault

EVERETT, Wash. (AP)— Authorities are investigating after a family member says one of the stars of the hit reality TV series "Deadliest Catch" was assaulted over the weekend.

Josh Harris says on social media that his brother Jake Harris was beaten and

severely injured Saturday night. The Everett Police Department says they received a report of "a male victim of an assault."

spokesman Police Aaron Snell ( http://bit. ly/2fTwv0F) told The Seattle Times the victim was found by a passer-by who called 911. The man refused medical attention and was taken home by police.

Jake Harris and his family have been featured on the Discovery Channel show about fisherman in Alaska for many years.

Everett is about 30 miles north of Seattle.

### Vandals break tusk of Bernini elephant statue in Rome

**ROME** (AP)—Police in Rome are investigating the apparent vandalism of the famed Elephant and Obelisk statue designed by Gian Lorenzo Bernini in the Piazza della Minerva near the Pantheon in Rome.

Rome cultural authorities said Monday that vandals overnight broke off the tip of the elephant's left tusk, which authorities recovered at the foot of the statue. Police were checking video in the area to identify the vandals.

The statue of an elephant carrying an obelisk on its back was commissioned by Pope

Alexander VII. It was placed in the square in front of the Santa Maria Sopra Minevra Basilica in 1667.

Another Bernini statue, the La Barcaccia fountain at the bottom of the Spanish Steps in Rome, was vandalized by Dutch soccer fans in 2015.

### Booklet gives easy tutorial on how to write a letter

EAR ABBY: I'm a freshman in college, blessed to have an internship in the office of a nonprofit organization. As time goes by, and as trust is built, I am being given more responsibilities. One of them is writing letters for various purposes—thank-you letters, invitations, congratulatory letters, etc.

When I was in high school, I was never taught the format for how to write these kinds of letters. I get confused about spacing and how to address people with titles. It's a shame that technology has left my generation so clueless on how to do important stuff. Is there a resource for letter writing available from you? I need it because I feel awkward always having to ask other staff members.

CLUELESS INTERN IN ALGONQUIN, ILL.

DEAR INTERN: Judging from the high volume of mail I receive, letter composition is something that many people besides you struggle with. I publish a booklet called "How to Write Letters for All Occasions," and among the topics it covers are how to address a senator, member of Congress, clergyperson, etc. It can be ordered by sending your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds), to Dear Abby Letters Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. Shipping and handling are included in the price. Keep it in your desk drawer and dip into it as needed. My letters booklet also contains helpful suggestions for writing letters of congratulations, and letters about difficult subjects to address, such as letters of condolence for the loss of a parent, spouse or child, as well as warm thank-you notes for birthday, shower, wedding

My letters booklet provides an assist for anyone who needs a quick and easy tutorial. It has also proven to be particularly helpful for parents to use as a way to easily teach children how to write using proper etiquette.

**DEAR ABBY:** My boyfriend and I have been together for four years. I love him deeply, but I have lied to him about certain things. I feel guilty about it, but I can't bring myself to tell him the truth because he has a temper.

One lie I told was that I was laid off from my previous job. but I really quit. He didn't want me quitting, but I did it for my own good. I was having a nervous breakdown, and all I felt were negative thoughts when I worked there. Although I found a better job months later, I never summoned up the courage to tell him the truth.

We don't live together. I'm 24 and he's 26. Do you think this lack of communication is a reason to break up, or am I being

### DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

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too sensitive about his temper? He doesn't abuse me, but he won't talk to me if he doesn't have things his way.

UNSURE IN THE WEST

DEAR UNSURE: I'm glad you're not living together because if you were, your problem would have serious ramifications. Your boyfriend may not be physically abusive, but he IS controlling. Subjecting you to the silent treatment is emotionally abusive, and so was deciding "for" you that you should remain at a job that's stressful and unpleasant.

You may love this man deeply, but from my perspective the relationship isn't a healthy one. If you want to end it, you are justified.

### **Pastimes**

### Calvin and Hobbes







By Bryan Basset

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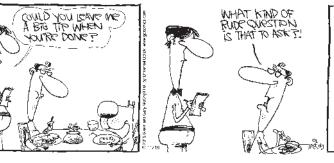
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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Maggie Gyllenhaal, 39; Martha Plimpton, 46; Dean McDermott, 50; Marg Helgenberger, 58.

Happy Birthday: Keep a tight rein on your spending, health and legal concerns. Refuse to let emotions take over or cause you to make a decision that will not serve you well in the future. Focus on perfection, honing your skills and avoiding unnecessary expenditures. It's the little things in life that will end up pleasing you the most. Your numbers are 5, 9, 14, 21, 27, 34, 45.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Stop thinking about the things you have to do and get busy doing them. Use your intelligence and courage to tell it like it is and to fight for what you want. Focus on the future and don't let yourself be controlled.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Check out your options before making a physical move. Having all your ideas and plans verified and ready to roll out will give you the optimum chance to reach success or reclaim something that someone took from you. ���

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Turn any negative situation into a positive. Don't fight what cannot be changed when working within the existing circumstances will bring you plenty of opportunities. If you work hard, you will be able to make valuable contributions. CANCER (June 21-July 22): Mak-

ing physical improvements will boost your confidence, but don't let it deplete your bank account. A romantic suggestion will give you the advantage when it comes to getting something you want. Personal and professional improvements will pay off. ���

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't mix business with pleasure. Look for a way to explore your interests without upsetting someone you love. Sharing what you want to pursue will help you convince others to join in. A passionate approach to life will draw attention.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Expect to face problems when it comes to the changes you want to make to your residence. It will be difficult to please everyone, so concentrate on pleasing yourself first. A social mishap can be avoided if you are progressive. ••

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Turn negativity into positivity by being willing to let go of whatever isn't working for you anymore. It's time to purge and begin all over again. With an open mind and a passionate approach, you can achieve your dreams. **2000** 

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Confusion regarding family and money matters is apparent. Don't go into debt without knowing the consequences. Manage your financial, legal and health matters cautiously. Don't be afraid to do things differently. An innovative idea will help you avoid scrutiny.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Size up whatever situation you face. Question partnerships that appear suspicious. Focus on the changes you can make through hard work, discipline and desire. Call the shots instead of following someone else's lead. Keep your eyes on the prize. OOO

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THE LAST WORD IN ASTROLOGY

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Emotional ups and downs will cause confusion. Get to the bottom of any problem that keeps surfacing, and put matters to rest. Once you find a clear passage, the gains and opportunities that come your way will astound you. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Look

for alternative ways to bring in cash. Networking events or getting together with people you have worked with in the past will help you revise the way you do things, reducing your overhead and easing your stress.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't give in to the changes that are being forced on you. Make adjustments to protect your assets and vour future. Deception and ulterior motives will be used to persuade you to indulge in something that isn't in your best interests. ••

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**Conceptis Sudoku** 

By Dave Green

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

### Yesterday's SIIDOKII Answer

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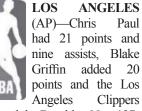


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# Clippers rip Nets for 7th straight win, go to 10-1



blitzed the Brooklyn Nets 127-95 on Monday night to improve to an NBA-best 10-1 with their seventh straight victory.

Los Angeles came in having outscored opponents by an average of 15.1 points, largest in the league. Brooklyn quickly found itself relegated to the Clippers' quickly growing scrap heap.

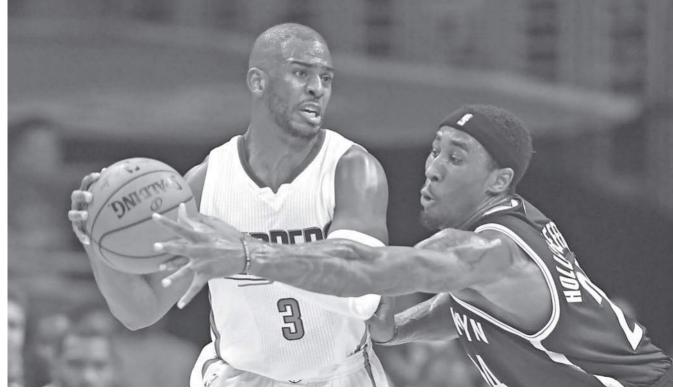
Bojan Bogdanovic led the Nets with 18 points and Sean Kilpatrick added 14. Brooklyn's season-high 22 turnovers led to 35 points by the Clippers.

J.J. Redick added 18 points, Luc Mbah a Moute scored 11 points and DeAndre Jordan had 14 rebounds for the Clippers, who shot 53 percent from the floor while extending the best start in franchise history. Their 127 points were a season high.

Los Angeles raced to a 35-7 lead to start the game, highlighted by Jordan's reverse dunk off Griffin's alley-oop pass. The Nets didn't score the rest of their 14 first-quarter points until the last two minutes of the period and finished with their lowest point total in a quarter this season.

Brooklyn went on its only run of the game in the second, scoring 10 straight points to close to 51-34.

Paul re-entered the game,



hitting a 3-pointer that launched a 20-13 spurt and gave the Clippers a 71-47 half-time lead

Leading 89-59 in the third, Griffin and Jordan energized the fading crowd with consecutive one-handed jams. Griffin stuffed a pass from Redick and on their next trip up the court, Jordan dunked in front of Justin Hamilton, whose only defense was to stick his arms straight up in the air.

The starters' work was done after that, with Griffin and Jordan joining Paul, Redick and Mbah a Moute in sitting for good.

The Clippers' bench increased the lead to 102-71 heading into the fourth, when

Griffin was on his feet laughing and pumping his arm in the air.

### **Spurs 94, Heat 90**

In San Antonio, Kawhi Leonard had 24 points and 12 rebounds and LaMarcus Aldridge added 18 points, leading San Antonio to the victory.

San Antonio's projected starting five of Leonard, Aldridge, Pau Gasol, Tony Parker and Danny Green made its home debut after injuries to the starting backcourt led to five different starting lineups in the team's first nine games.

Gasol had 12 points, Parker added 11 points and six assists and Green was limited to three points in 15 minutes.

The Heat lost their fifth straight game. Dion Waiters, who hurt San Antonio in the playoffs last season while with Oklahoma City, had 27 points for Miami. Hassan Whiteside had 23 points and 17 rebounds.

#### Pelicans 106, Celtics 105

In New Orleans, Anthony Davis had 25 points, 16 rebounds, four steals and two blocks as the New Orleans Pelicans won for only the second time in their first 11 games, 106-105 over the Boston Celtics in the National Basketball League on Monday night.

Langston Galloway scored a season-high 21 points, while

Terrence Jones added 15 points and a season-high 10 rebounds for New Orleans, which has won two of three after an 0-8 start.

Isaiah Thomas scored 37 for Boston, including a driving scoop that tied the game with 7 seconds left. But Boston's Kelly Olynyk fouled New Orleans guard Tim Frazier with 2.5 seconds left, and Frazier sank one free throw for the margin of victory.

Avery Bradley had 19 points and 10 rebounds, and Marcus Smart scored 15 points for Boston.

#### Pacers 88, Magic 69

In Indianapolis, C.J. Miles made four 3-pointers and scored 16 points as the Pacers spoiled Frank Vogel's return to Indiana.

Vogel coached the Pacers for more than five seasons before he was let go in May. He was quickly scooped up by Orlando.

The crowd cheered when Vogel was introduced before the game.

Paul George had 13 points, six rebounds and five assists for the Pacers, who pulled away in the second half. Monta Ellis also scored 13 points, and Jeff Teague finished with 11.

Orlando shot 32 percent from the field. Evan Fournier led the Magic with 14 points on 4-of-15 shooting, and Aaron Gordon had 11.

### **Rockets 115, 76ers 88**

In Houston, James Harden scored 23 of his 33 points in the first quarter, helping Houston to the easy win.

Harden, who posted a triple-double in his previous two games, added nine assists and seven rebounds.

The Rockets had a threepoint lead with five minutes left in the first quarter when Harden took over, scoring all of Houston's points in a 17-9 run to make it 35-24. Los Angeles Clippers guard Chris Paul, left, attempts to pass as Brooklyn Nets forward Rondae Hollis-Jefferson reaches in during the first half of an NBA basketball game, Monday, Nov. 14, 2016, in Los Angeles.

The Sixers were led by Joel Embiid and Ersan Ilyasova, who had 13 points apiece.

#### Knicks 93, Mavericks 77

In New York, Carmelo Anthony and Kristaps Porzingis each scored 24 points as the Knicks rolled after a halftime lineup change.

The Knicks benched Joakim Noah, their \$72 million free-agent signing, starting guard Justin Holiday and moved Porzingis to center in a small lineup. They responded by scoring 31 points in the third quarter after managing just 36 in an ugly first half.

Anthony scored 17 in the third quarter and 20 in the second half after shooting 1 for 6 in the first half. Porzingis finished with 11 rebounds.

Harrison Barnes scored 20 points and J.J. Barea had 17 for the Mavericks, who are still without Dirk Nowitzki and Deron Williams.

### Pistons 104, Thunder 88

In Auburn Hills, Michigan, Tobias Harris scored 22 points and Aron Baynes added 20 points and eight rebounds to help the short-handed Pistons beat the Thunder.

The Pistons (6-5) improved to 5-0 at home despite being without their two best players. Reggie Jackson hasn't played this season due to knee tendinitis, and Andre Drummond was sidelined with a sprained ankle.

Russell Westbrook had 33 points, 15 rebounds and eight assists for Oklahoma City (6-5), which has dropped four in a row. Victor Oladipo finished with nine points, but he was the only other starter to score more than four.

Kentavious Caldwell-Pope added 17 points for Detroit.

### Grizzlies 102, Jazz 96

In Salt Lake City, Marc Gasol scored a season-high 22 points, powering Memphis to the road win.

The Grizzlies used a 9-2 run sparked by Mike Conley's 3-pointer and a 3-point play by Gasol to take a 94-88 lead with 1:25 remaining. Memphis led by as many as 13, but the Jazz kept answering with big plays from Joe Ingles and Trey Lyles.

Conley had 18 points and seven assists for Memphis, and Zach Randolph added 18 points and 10 rebounds.

Ingles scored a career-high 20 points and Lyles finished with 18.

### Chalmers hoping his comeback chance is coming soon

MIAMI (AP)—Mario Chalmers' phone has been ringing for the last few weeks, the calls coming from teams curious about how his recovery is progressing.

He's about to have a concrete answer.

Chalmers is on target to be cleared for full basketball activity this week, eight months after rupturing his right Achilles tendon. He thinks he could be on an NBA floor again by early December.

"Right now, I can pretty much do everything," Chalmers said. "I've been on the court the last two, three months just working on getting back. I'm back to sprinting, running and jumping."

He's always been supremely confident in his game. That hasn't changed.

"Never will, either," Chalmers said.

The 30-year-old was a starter on Miami's title teams in 2012 and 2013—among active players, only Tony Parker has also been a starting point guard on multiple



Memphis Grizzlies guard Mario Chalmers (6) dribbles around Utah Jazz guard Rodney Hood (5) at FedExForum.

championship squads. Miami went to the NBA Finals in four straight seasons when Chalmers was with Dwyane Wade, LeBron James and Chris Bosh, but the 2014 title series still causes Chalmers some angst.

"My last performance in the Finals, that's the one thing I do

want to change if I ever get the opportunity again," Chalmers said. "That's the one thing that really sticks out in my mind."

So he'll look to sign with a title contender.

Chalmers knows it'll be a prove-yourself deal for the rest of this season, and that he'll almost certainly be asked to serve in a backup role. He's fine with that, saying a chance is all he needs right now.

"I've been to four Finals,"
Chalmers said. "There's a
lot I can share. And whatever nervousness I have
coming back, it's all going
to be gone as soon as that
first shot goes in."

### Manning throws 3 TDs as gambling Giants beat Bengals



ERFORD, N.J. (AP)—Ben McAdoo has

ingness to gamble in his first season as the Giants coach, and New York is riding his hot hand for a run at their first postseason berth since winning the Super Bowl in 2011.

Eli Manning threw his third touchdown pass of the game on a fourth-down, fourthquarter roll of the dice by McAdoo, and the Giants beat the Cincinnati Bengals 21-20 on Monday night for their first four-game winning streak since 2013.

"We like the position we're in. We've just got to keep going. We can't slow down," said Manning, who was 28 of 44 for 240 yards and two interceptions. "We can't relax for a second. Every game we've been playing is tight. I'm proud of the way the team is fighting.

Manning threw scoring passes of 10 yards apiece to rookie Jerrell Adams and Odell Beckham in the first half, and a game-winning 3-yarder to rookie Sterling Shepard on a daring call with New York (6-3) down 20-14 early in the fourth quarter.

The six wins match the Giants' total in each of the last two seasons under Tom Coughlin, and it bodes well

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Cincinnati Bengals wide receiver Tyler Boyd (83) is upended by New York Giants cornerback Trevin Wade (31) during the third quarter of an NFL football game, Monday, Nov. 14, 2016, in East Rutherford, N.J.

with Chicago (2-7) and Cleveland (0-10) on tap the next two weeks.

The key to this one was McAdoo's decision to play for a TD early in the fourth. The third quarter ended with New York at the Cincinnati 9, facing a second and goal.

When Manning came to the sideline, McAdoo told him they were in four-down territory.

"I don't know if I've heard it before," Manning said of being told before the seconddown play. "Obviously on

third down, they tell you. We had the quarter change, so I think he had some time to think and wanted me to know and to tell the offensive guys the circumstances."

The fourth quarter started with an incomplete pass intended for tight end Will Tye. A 6-yard pass to Tavarres King set up the fourth-down pass to Shepard, who cut across the field on a shallow route and beat the linebacker.

"We knew it was going to take touchdowns to beat this team," McAdoo said. "It's a good football team and we felt like we needed to score touchdowns. "

The Giants defense took over from there, closing it out on Landon Collins' fourth interception in the past three games and two stops, the last on consecutive sacks of Andy Dalton with less than five minutes to play.

Dalton threw a 13-yard touchdown pass to A.J. Green and Jeremy Hill scored on a 9-vard run that was set up by an 84-yard kickoff return by Alex Erickson to start the second half. Mike Nugent kicked two field goals for Cincinnati

(3-5-1), the second giving the Bengals a 20-14 lead early in the third quarter.

Dalton said the Bengals just couldn't get anything going after taking the lead. They missed a short third down play in the fourth quarter and then never threatened.

"We just needed one play to get us going and we never got it," said Dalton, who was 16 of 29 for 204 yards.

The Giants had a 14-10 halftime lead. Manning capped an 80-yard opening drive with his pass to Adams. He hit Beckham (10 catches for 97 yards) on New York's final drive of the half.

A 71-yard pass from Dalton to tight end Tyler Eifert set up Green's touchdown, and an interception by Dre Kirkpatrick led to Nugent's first field goal, which was disappointing since Cincinnati had first-and-goal at the Giants 7 after the return.

### Bears' WR Jeffery suspended 4 games for

LAKE FOREST, III. (AP)— Star receiver Alshon Jeffery was suspended Monday for four games without pay for violating the NFL's policy on performance-enhancing substances, the latest staggering blow for the reeling Chicago Bears.

Jeffery posted on Twitter that he took a supplement for inflammation containing a substance banned by the league.

"I take full responsibility and I'm deeply upset with myself for not doing the proper research on this supplement," he wrote. "I want to apologize to my family, the Bears organization, my teammates, and Bears fans. I will work hard to earn back the respect and trust of the Bears nation and look forward to being back on the field."

His suspension was another dose of bad news for a team that lost several players to injuries in an embarrassing 36-10 loss at Tampa Bay that left the Bears with a 2-7 record. Now, they will have to get by without arguably their best player, starting with Sunday's game at the New York Giants.

"Obviously we're very disappointed," coach John Fox said. "I think he's fairly embarrassed about it, but we'll support him and welcome him when he gets back after serving his suspension."

As if Jeffery's punishment wasn't enough, it looks like the Bears will be without star right guard Kyle Long. The NFL Network reported Monday that he will miss the remainder of the season with an ankle injury.

Jeffery will be eligible to be activated on Dec. 12 and play against Green Bay six days later. He leads the team with 630 yards receiving and is second with 40 catches.

"It (stinks) not having your top weapon on offense," tight end Zach Miller said. "We have to figure out ways to be better, to do better collectively. But I don't think you really replace Alshon Jeffery that easily. We'll have to do it as a group.'

Jeffery is playing for the \$14.6 million franchise tag after he and the Bears were unable to agree to a long-term contract in the offseason. He was limited to nine games because of injuries a year ago, and now has a PED suspension hanging over him with his contract set to expire again.

Fox said players found out during meetings on Monday.

"All teammates, I think, at the end of the day, they're supportive," Fox said, "But I know Alshon's embarrassed

by it and I'm sure disappointed would be a good word for the rest of us."

Fox mentioned a "silver lining" with receiver Marquess Wilson potentially returning soon from a foot injury. He has been on the physically unable to perform list since training camp. But his comeback would be small consolation, particularly given the rash of injuries the Bears suffered against the Buccaneers.

Long, a three-time Pro Bowl lineman, left the field on a cart with a right ankle injury. Fox indicated after the game that it might be a high ankle sprain, though he said Monday a "full determination" on the injury had not been made. Ted Larsen figures to take his place in the lineup, though Eric Kush is a possibility.

Fox had no update on running back Jordan Howard (ankle or Achilles tendon), nose tackle Eddie Goldman (ankle) or defensive lineman Will Sutton (ankle). Right tackle Bobby Massie also suffered a concussion.

The loss to Tampa Bay also raised more questions about the direction of the franchise and wiped out any good vibes the Bears had after they knocked off NFC North leader Minnesota two weeks earlier.

Jay Cutler threw two interceptions and fumbled twice after leading the Bears to a victory over the Vikings in his return from a sprained right thumb. It all added up to a big reality check for a team that was as confident as any with two wins halfway through the season could be.

The Bears thought they might turn the corner with key players coming back from injuries. Instead, they crashed.

"I still feel like we're not out of it," Miller said.

Mathematically, they're not. The Bears trail Detroit and Minnesota by three games and Green Bay by two in the division. The Vikings are struggling in a big way with four straight losses. So are the Packers, who have dropped three in a row.

But with Jeffery's suspension, the Bears will have to get by without one of their biggest playmakers.

"I guess the best word I could use would be unfortunate," defensive end Akiem Hicks said. "Because I look forward to seeing 17 (Jeffery) out there going up deep and catching balls and making plays. It's unfortunate and I'm going to miss him."

### Browns say coach Hue Jackson's job safe despite 0-10 start

BEREA, Ohio (AP)—As ing hard despite the worst he searches for win No. 1, Browns coach Hue Jackson doesn't have to worry about losing his job.

Sashi Brown, the team's vice president of football operations, said Monday that Jackson's job is safe for next season despite an 0-10 record. Brown said the team is committed to its rebuilding plan and believes continuity is the key to long-term success.

Brown praised Jackson for keeping his team play-

start in team history. Owners Jimmy and Dee Haslam have fired three coaches in four years, but Brown said the team feels Jackson is a coach "that can be successful here and lead us to a lot of victories and a lot of win-

Jackson appreciates the vote of confidence. He understands the external frustration with the Browns' record, but feels the team is on the right path.

# Seager, Fulmer take Rookie of the Year honors



Corey Seager won the NL Rookie of the Year award unanimously.

Michael Fulmer took the AL honor—and that vote wasn't all that close, either.

Seager and Fulmer were announced as the winners Monday night, when votes from the Baseball Writers' Association of America were made public. Seager's victory was almost a foregone conclusion after he hit .308 with 26 home runs and 72 RBIs this year for the Los Angeles Dodgers. Fulmer, on the other hand, had to hold off a late challenge from New York Yankees catcher Gary Sanchez, who hit 20 home runs in only 53 games.

Fulmer's season-long contributions for Detroit won out. The right-hander went 11-7 with a 3.06 ERA in 26 starts for the Tigers. He ended up receiving 26 of 30 first-place votes from the BBWAA, outdistancing Sanchez by a total of 142 points to 91.



"I'm really happy and blessed to receive this award," Fulmer said on a conference call. "I knew that both Gary and Tyler (Naquin) had outstanding years, and I hope to play against them for a long time."

Naguin, a Cleveland outfielder, finished third in the AL race

Seager received the maximum 150 points in the NL vote. The Los Angeles shortstop finished well ahead of Washington outfielder Trea Turner (42) and Dodgers pitcher Kenta Maeda (37).

Seager is the 17th Dodgers player to earn Rookie of the Year honors—easily the most of any team-but the franchise hadn't had a winner since Todd Hollandsworth in 1996.

"It's obviously awesome to win it in general, but to bring it back to L.A.—it hasn't been there for a while, and they're known as an organization for winning all those Rookie of the Years with Tommy Lasorda and all them," Seager said. "So it's pretty cool to be able to be connected to all the guys that came before you."

In this Oct. 18, 2016, file photo, Los Angeles Dodgers' Corey Seager hits an RBI single during the third inning of Game 3 of the National League baseball championship series against the Chicago Cubs, in Los Angeles.

The Dodgers, of course, had the first Rookie of the Year when Jackie Robinson won in 1947. They also had four winners in a row from 1979-82 and five in a row from 1992-96.

Seager was the second player in a row to win NL Rookie of the Year unanimously. Kris Bryant of the Chicago Cubs did it last year. Seager joins a list of Dodgers Rookie of the Year winners that includes luminaries like Robinson, Fernando Valenzuela (1981) and Mike Piazza (1993).

A first-round draft pick by the Dodgers in 2012, Seager made his big league debut in 2015, hitting .337 in 27 games. He came into this season with high expectations and produced a phenomenal year. He is one of three finalists for

Thursday's NL Most Valuable Player announcement, joining Bryant and Washington's Daniel Murphy.

Seager indicated that accolades like this were the furthest thing from his mind coming into the season.

"I didn't expect to win anything," he said. "It's a tough game, you don't take anything for granted, you don't expect anything to be given to you."

Fulmer is the fifth Tigers player to win Rookie of the Year, joining Justin Verlander (2006), Lou Whitaker (1978), Mark Fidrych (1976) and Harvey Kuenn (1953). Verlander is now a mentor to Fulmer in the Detroit rotation.

"I remember back in spring training where I was kind of nervous to come up to him," Fulmer said. "I watched him ever since he was a rookie, he was one of my favorite pitchers in the game."

Detroit acquired Fulmer in 2015 from the Mets in the trade that sent Yoenis Cespedes to New York. Fulmer made his big league debut this April and lifted the Tigers with a sensational stretch leading up to the All-Star break. From May 21 through July 6, he went 7-1 with a 0.63 ERA.

Sanchez made his own bid with his torrid hitting down the stretch, but that wasn't enough to close the gap on Fulmer.

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Guam, Fiji, Vanuatu, and Samoa—which along with the CNMI are members of the Oceania Tennis Federation.

The Commonwealth's Robbie Schorr and Malika Miyawaki finished at No. 1 and 2 in the boys and girls divisions, respectively, of the Pacific Oceania U14 Circuit last season. Both Schorr and Miyawaki won the U14 singles crown in last year's TanHoldings Classic and will be among the favorites in this year's competition.

Meanwhile, Week 2 of the tournament will have games in

the adults singles, doubles, and mixed doubles. Players can enter the 3.0, 4.0, 5.0, 40-andabove and 50-and above categories in the three events. Entry fees are \$20 for singles per event and \$15 per person for the doubles competition.

Portions of the proceeds from the tournament will be

donated to the Northern Mariana Islands Tennis Association and its junior program. NMI-TA is among the most successful sports federations in the CNMI with some of its players ranked in the world and making outstanding performances in regional competitions in the past several years.

Tinian Premier FC's 16 U12 players are among the 280-plus players who saw action in the one-day event. Matches in the U8, U10, and U12 divisions took place

"We had a good turnout today. The weather was also cooperative so everyone had a great time, especially the players. We thanked all the clubs and their officials, volunteers, and parents for making the fall festival a success," NMIFA general secretary Ross Za-

### TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

### **NBA STANDINGS**

### **EASTERN CONFERENCE WESTERN CONFERENCE**

Atlantic Division										
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Toronto	7	2	.778	_						
Boston	5	5	.500	21/2						
New York	4	6	.400	31/2						
Brooklyn	4	6	.400	31/2						
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Southeast Division								
Atlanta	7	2	.778	_				
Charlotte	6	3	.667	1				
Orlando	4	7	.364	4				
Miami	2	7	.222	5				
Washington	2	7	.222	5				

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Utah	7	5	.583	1/2				
Oklahoma City	6	5	.545	1				
Minnesota	3	6	.333	3				
Denver	3	7	.300	31/2				
Pacific Division								
L.A. Clippers	10	1	.909	_				
Golden State	8	2	800	11/2				

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showed that their hard work and dedication paid off," Ar-

Since the establishment of the club in 2012, Arley said they have seen significant improvements from their players and they hope to continue polishing the skills of Tinian strikers with the help of the community.

"When we first started, these kids had no clue how soccer is played. It's evident

that from the time we first started our club to today, these amazing kids have grasped the skills and continue to love the sport. They really surprised us," the Tinian Premier FC official added.

The club will be back on Saipan next week with its U14 team competing in the 2016 FA Youth Challenge Cup that is scheduled for Nov. 26. It hopes to come to Saipan to play more games against other clubs next season.

"If only it wasn't so expensive to fly over. We spend

about \$10,000 per season. We would like to thank our community for supporting our club these last four years, and Tinian's [Legislative] Delegation for appropriating funds to our club this fall. We need all the support we can get," Arley said.

The club also acknowledged Leisha Mendiola and Sean Christian for assisting in the players' needs (food and drinks) and the organizing Northern Mariana Islands Football Association for inviting Tinian players to the festival.

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Chicago	2	7	0	.222	141	215
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be a standoff for the top spot and the tie will be broken by a playoff game to be set on a later date. In their first two meetings this season, TanHoldings won their Sept. 10 duel, 2-1, while the spring season champion MP United prevailed in their second showdown (Oct. 15) in similar scores.

Against Matansa, which forced TanHoldings to a scoreless draw in their first collision, Thaiphi Austria knocked down both goals to break the former's title hopes. Austria made all those goals in the

opening half with the first one coming in the 10th minute and the second in the 39th. Tan-Holdings hung on to the lead in the second half by playing a more defensive game.

In the other U17 division match, Kanoa and Paire had a draw, 2-2.

Angelo Ada put Kanoa on the board with his shot in the 23rd minute, while a goal from Harry Huh 10 minutes later allowed Paire to tie the match. Paire then grabbed the upper hand in the opening minute of the 40-minute second half, thanks to Saixian Bagsic's conversion. However, Paire failed to keep the

shaky lead as Brent Azarcon hit the equalizer for Kanoa in the 65th minute.

With the draw, Paire stayed in fourth place in the team standings with its 1-1-5 record, while Kanoa is still at the bottom with its 0-1-6 card.

### **BOYS U14 TanHoldings 7, Paire 4**

Unofficial fall champion Tan-Holdings moved a win away from sweeping the season after beating Paire in the first game at the Koblerville Elementary School Field.

TanHoldings earned its ninth victory in as many games after drawing three

goals from Kirro Batino and one each from Ichiro Borja, Richard Waldo, Joshua Mendez, and Reginal Pascual. Tan-Holdings will need to down Shirley's this Saturday to keep its perfect mark.

Paire, which now has a 4-0-5 card for a share of third place with MP United, got all its three goals from Kaden Church.

### Kanoa 7, Shirley's O

Kanoa is still at the No. 2 spot in the six-team field after blanking Shirley's in the second game in the division.

Thomas Benavente and Sebastien Manabat logged three goals apiece for Kanoa, which now has a 7-0-2 record. Kirt Andon scored the other goal for Kanoa. Manabat made his hat trick in the first half as he hit the board in the third, 12th, and 22nd minute. Benavente, on the other hand, posted his goals in the ninth, 14th, and 46th minute, while Andon closed out for Kanoa in the 48th.

### Matansa 2, MP United 1

In the final division game last weekend, Matansa edged MP United.

Benito Lolobeyong and Razeff Altamirano

Matansa its two goals, while MP United got one from Rintaro Miyawaki. Lolobeyong found his target early as he scored in the fourth minute and Matansa went on to take a 2-0 halftime lead when Altamirano also registered his goal in the first half (19th minute). MP United avoided a shutout loss with Miyawaki's shot in the 37th minute.

Matansa (3-0-6) will try to finish the season with backto-back wins when it takes on Paire this Saturday at 3pm. MP United will also have its last game this weekend as it clashes with Kanoa at 4:30pm.

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Southern United FC players chase the ball during their co-ed U12 game against Shirley's FC in the 2016 NMIFA Youth Football Fall Festival held last Saturday at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.



Matansa FC and TanHoldings FC players run after the ball during their U8 division match.





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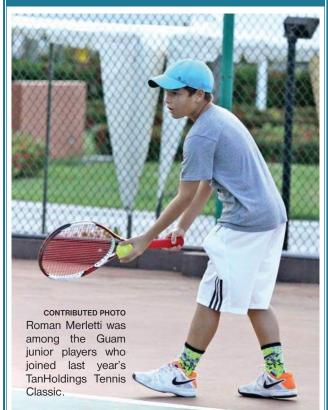
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# Playoff for U17 crown looming

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he battle for the boys U17 championship in the 2016 NMIFA Youth Fall League is down to two teams and a playoff match may take place to decide the division winner.

### HK, Japan players to debut in TanHoldings Classic



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The 8th Annual TanHoldings Tennis Classic will pit the CNMI players against representatives of Guam, Hong Kong, and Japan.

Tournament director Lydia Tan, in an interview with Saipan Tribune yesterday, TENNISC said three junior play-

ers and four adults from Guam, one from Hong Kong, and two female players from Japan have confirmed their participation in the twoweekend competition. Week 1 of the TanHoldings Classic will run from Nov. 25 to 27 and deadline for submission of entries is this Friday evening. Week 2 games will be held from Dec. 2 to 4 with matches to be played at the Pacific Islands Club, Hyatt

Regency Saipan, Kanoa Resort, and Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan (main headquarters) tennis courts.

The opening week of the TanHoldings Classic will feature matches in the singles and doubles

events in the boys and girls U10, U12, U14, U16, and U18 age groups, while a mini tennis (co-ed 10 and

under) is scheduled in the same weekend (Nov. 27).

CNMI players and their Guam counterparts will see action in the junior competition as ranking points are at stake in next week's tournament. The TanHoldings Classic is one of the ranking events under the Pacific Oceania U14 Circuit. Other competitions are hosted by

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TanHoldings Football Club shut down Matansa, 2-0, in a crucial game last Saturday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field, eliminating the latter in the race for the fall title. TanHoldings now has a 5-1-1

win-draw-loss record with one match left in the double-round robin regular season and joined idle MP Unit- **Leading** M ed on top of the team standings. Matansa, with

its 54-2-2 card, dropped to second place. Northern TanHoldings Mariana Islands and MP United

> last two regular season matches this Saturday

and latter facing Kanoa at 9am. If both TanHoldings and MP United win, there will still

with the former squaring off

against Paire FC at 10:40am

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Tinian Premier Football Club's U12 players had a fruitful appearance in the 2016 NMIFA Youth Fall Festival held last Saturday at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.

"We traveled to Saipan with 16 players for the NMI-FA Fall Festival and ended up with an amazing total of 17 goals," Tinian Premier FC official Arley Long said in a message sent to Saipan Tribune vesterday.

On top of its goal surge, the visiting Tinian Premier FC was also undefeated in Pool A of the co-ed U12 division. Tinian played against MP United-1, Shirley's FC, Southern United FC, and Kanoa-2. Official scores of the festival games were not announced as matches were non-competitive and were played to promote sportsman-

### Tinian Premier FC joins fall festival

ship and camaraderie more than winning.

Tinian Premier FC's U12 team was composed of Chit, Edgard, and Chad Accollador, Lance Sablan, Dwayne Cabrera, Peyton Christian,

Isa and Cielo Long, Tano King Jr., Emiliana King, Colleen Cing, Jesus Manglona, Kiara Santos, Pritzel Carreon, Matt Soliva, and Chloe Demangano.

"Coach Philip (Mendiola-

Long) and I are so proud of our Tinian Premier FC U12 team. These kids practice their hearts out every week and the results in the festival

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Tinian Premier Football Club players and officials pose with TanHoldings FC players after their U12 division game in the 2016 NMIFA Youth League Fall Festival held last Saturday at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.